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IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME, and these Brownies, of Bethel's Troop 597, sold \$84.24-worth of the traditional favorites. What is most remarkable is that, instead of using the money on themselves, the girls decided to donate

all the money to help feed the starving children in Ethiopia. The girls are, left to right, Heidi Davis, Beth Craig, Cynthia Wheeler, Kendra Hutchinson, Jessica Coolidge and AmyLyn Patten.

SAD 44 budget to rise 12%; state to give additional aid

Meeting at the Andover Elementary School, the SAD 44 Board of Directors was told Monday night that the operating budget for the district would be in the neighborhood of \$3,557,435. This would be an increase of 12 percent over the current fiscal year's budget.

Superintendent of Schools Dewaine Craig said the increase in the gross budget would result in an increase in local assessments to two towns in the district: Andover, \$129,632.92, and Newry, \$7,471.99. Reductions would be experienced by Bethel, \$8,571.80; Greenwood, \$19.63; and Woodstock, \$3,602.84.

The superintendent sees an increase in state participation of nearly \$100,000 in the next fiscal year.

The state has been funding about 55 percent of the district's school budget. In 1983-84, the most recent year for which statewide figures are available, the state picked up 57 percent of SAD 44's \$2,177,000 operating costs. (These costs did not include adult ed or transportation.)

The increases in the coming year's budget are due mainly to funding for new positions, salary raises, and putting more money in the reading, business and science programs, Mr. Craig said.

Statewide, SAD 44 ranked 52nd among the state's 120 K-12 school districts in the 1983-84 school year, insofar as spending per-pupil is concerned.

Comparing the local district with districts having similar enrollments (see top of chart, page 8), SAD 44's \$2,045 per pupil cost is the exact mean of the 15 similar size districts. Eight of these districts spend more per pupil than SAD 44, while six spend less.

Comparing the local district with neighboring districts (see bottom of chart), SAD 44's per pupil expenditure is less than the six-school average. But only Rumford and Mexico spend more per pupil than Telstar, which spends more than Oxford Hills, Dixfield and Buckfield.

On a statewide basis, the smaller school districts have higher per pupil

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Woodstock selectmen make plans for 1985

At the last meeting of the Woodstock selectmen on Tuesday, March 12, an analysis of Town Meeting was offered and plans for this year made.

Said Ethel Davis about the meeting, "It was pretty good. I think the presentation of the articles with recommendations attached gave the people a chance to know what we wanted. The budget committee recommendations were greatly valued." Frank Bean added, "I thought it went well, very efficiently. People didn't seem to want to argue over anything." Clifford York observed, "The storm helped it move along. Also we like to think we're doing things right and people respected that. There was nothing too controversial in the warrant." Continued on Page Eight.

Officials re-appointed by West Paris selectmen

The following officials were re-appointed last Thursday night by the West Paris Board of Selectmen: Civil Emergency Preparedness Director William Herrick, Animal Control Officer Robert G. Larrabee, Sealer of Weights and Measures Maurice Twichell, Health Officer Gwen Ellingwood, Plumbing Inspector Robert Butters, Fire Chief Philip Edmunds.

Appointed to the Library Board of Trustees were Avis Ellingwood and Barbara Edmunds.

In other business, the selectmen met with Matthew Holden to discuss a land boundary dispute.

They also raised the salaries of the town clerk and the deputy town clerk, from \$6 an hour to \$6.50 an hour and from \$4.25 an hour to \$5 an hour respectively.

Industrial managers meet at S. Paris March 19

The Western Maine Industrial Management Club will hold their March 19 dinner meeting at Positively Maine Street, South Paris. Following a 5:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner, the meeting will convene at 7:30. Guest speakers for the evening will be Bob Dempsey and David Deshon from Franklin Life Insurance. The subject will be Salary Allotment Tax Shelters and Employee Benefits.

U.S. Forest Service receives 1700 reactions to forest plan

Approximately 1,700 responses were received by the White Mountain National Forest headquarters in Laconia, N.H., during the commenting period for the agency's new management plan proposals.

Ned Therrien, the public information officer at the Laconia headquarters, told The Citizen there are 20 people working to sort out the responses.

He said they are looking not just at what people had to say about the live alternative management plans put forward by the forest service, but also separating those that came from individuals from those that came from groups, and those with concrete ideas from those that are sort of votes for one alternative or another.

Mr. Therrien stressed that the tabulation would not be vote-counting but would be a way of discovering new ideas.

"It will be April or May before we get everything out on the table and make some decision on how we're going to change the plan," he said.

The forest service held 13 meetings throughout New England last month to gather input on the five alternatives. Of the 13, the ones in Bethel and in Jefferson, N.H., drew the largest crowds, Mr.

Therrien said. Both had audiences of about 150.

In all, some 700 people attended the "listening sessions." In northern New England, the sessions tended to be dominated by wood-industry-related interests, whereas in southern New England, and in coastal areas, it was mainly environmentalists who held the floor.

In the Bethel meeting, most speakers supported what is known as Alternative 4, the alternative that would permit the greatest amount of timber harvesting.

The forest service prefers Alternative 5, which allows double the present harvest as well as a new wilderness study area around Caribou and Speckled mountains.

'COLE' COMING TO BETHEL INN

Tickets for The Bethel Inn's upcoming musical, "Cole," go on sale March 16 at the Inn's front desk. The musical, which is a biography of Cole Porter, will be performed by the Ragtag People's Theatre, under the direction of Burt deFrees. Performances will be held at the Inn's South Dining Room April 16-20, at 8 p.m., and on April 21 at 2 p.m.

The Inn urges people to make their reservations early as the last musical performed there, "Side by Side by Sondheim," also performed by the Ragtag People's Theatre, was sold out every night. Only 100 tickets are available per performance.

Editorial Comment

Through the Years

The Citizen's faithful old Linotype stood silent and almost forlorn in the corner of our pressroom most of the time this week, being called upon only to cast a few lines of type for a job for The Bethel Inn. One could almost imagine it wanting to vie for attention with the sleek new machine in the next room, but not knowing how. A ton of cast iron that could purr like an affec-



Carl L. Brown
Citizen editor, 1927-1963

tionate kitten producing line after line of hot metal type, or be as cantankerous as a junkyard dog, spewing metal into its delicate innards, on the floor, the operator's shoes and pants-leg, has been replaced by 300 pounds of computer-activated, automated typesetter. Continued on Page Four

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Now is the time to plan on how to control growth

From Newry to West Paris, most towns in our area held their town meetings last week, and most of them dealt with—in one way or another—the problems of growth.

With retirees settling in the area, with people from down south purchasing summer camps, and especially with the increase in tourism and industry, our area of southwest Maine is growing rapidly.

And, as with most phenomena, that's a mixed blessing. It means more business activity, including more jobs. It also means rising real estate values—and rising assessments. It means more people and cars, more demand for services such as police, fire and emergency personnel, schools, roads and road maintenance, health and sanitation.

In Newry, town meeting voters were faced with whether to authorize more money to pay for services incidental to the expansion at Sunday River Ski Resort. They steered a mid-course by denying the skiway's request for more lights on the access road, but committed money (to be matched by the skiway) to pay for improving the road. They also authorized money to pay for increased use of Bethel's ambulances and landfill.

In Greenwood and Woodstock, voters were trying to come to grips with how to cope with the burgeoning trash heaps that an expanding population produces, and decided to sit tight and await future developments concerning their newly inaugurated transfer station. They were encouraged by the news that their state senator, Don Twitchell (D-Norway) is working to appeal the recent adverse ruling on their permit application.

In West Paris, there was a similar question: what to do with the town's trash. Voters there were farsighted and set aside funds for retiring the present dump and developing a new transfer station. But voters were staunchly against instituting a system of building permits.

Andover, which has not yet been affected by the economic development in the rest of our area, nevertheless set about planning for the future by putting aside a windfall tax settlement into investments.

As area residents realize the time to get control over future developments is now.

In Bethel, the Planning Board is working diligently on a master plan. Once the current situation is clearly assessed, townspeople will be able to determine what they want their town to look like five, 10 or 25 years down the road. Sentiment seems to be building for some sort of zoning.

With Sunday River Ski Resort and Mt. Abram working to bring more skiers to the area, and with The Bethel Inn working to bring more conventions to Bethel, rapid growth of the local economy is a certainty.

But growth must be controlled, lest our area develop the appearance of Route 16 in New Hampshire. Town officials and townspeople must expand their horizons and think long-range instead of year-to-year.

Also, there must be more coordination among the towns. Whatever happens in Newry and Locke Mills affects the entire area, just as increased growth in Norway and South Paris spills over into West Paris. All towns in the area must know what to expect across their borders both next year and five years hence.

It is not too early to do some serious thinking about the future. bfw

Greenwood businesspeople need help to deal with trash

A problem that shouldn't be a problem nevertheless is, and it's causing friction in Greenwood.

That's the question of what should business establishments do with their trash on the three days a week when the new transfer station isn't open.

Greenwood town meeting voters, while sympathetic to the businesspeople, decided their hands were tied by state regulations and, reluctantly, turned down a request that business concerns be given keys to the transfer station.

Trash piles up very quickly at Bob Coolidge's store, at Mt. Abram, at Jordan's Restaurant, at Littlefield Beach Campground, and (probably in a short time) at the almost-open Locke Mills Food Center.

It is not only inconvenient for the businesspeople to have to lug their businesses' trash home every other night, it is downright unhealthy, especially in the summer when trash rots and lobster shells attract every raccoon in the county. In the case of the campground, we're talking breakfast, lunch and dinner leavings from 150 campsites.

Some of the Greenwood business people met with the selectmen last week to request the dump be open and manned for at least two hours every day of the week. This seems like a reasonable request. Greenwood and Woodstock officials should give the matter quick attention and rapid approval.

MPA sponsors 8th graders essay contest

An essay contest open to all eighth graders in the state will be sponsored again this year by the Maine Press Association.

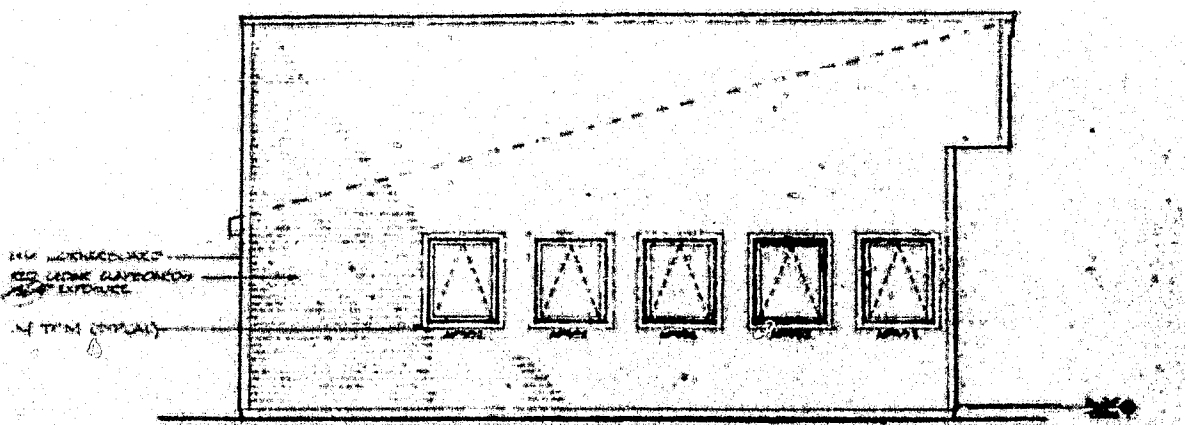
David Ehrenfried, chairman of the MPA's Freedom of Information Committee, has announced that this year's topic is, "If you were a newspaper what kind of news would you put into your newspaper and what kind of news would you keep out?"

Participating eighth grade English teachers have been asked to pick the best essay from their classes and send those selections to the MPA office at the University of Maine at Orono. Essays will be judged and winners selected in a process involving the UMO Journalism Department and the FOI committee.

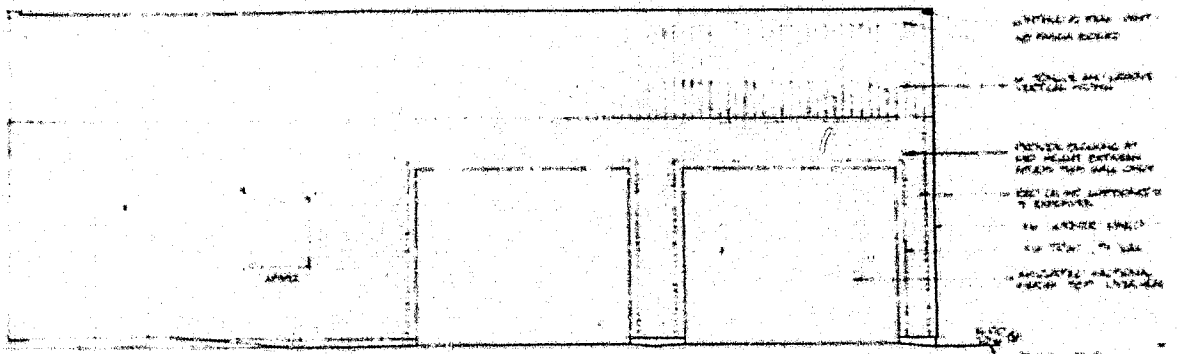
The winner will receive a \$100 savings bond and will be invited to attend the Spring Conference of the Maine Press Association at Orono. The student will be given the chance to read the winning essay at the conference luncheon meeting.

The year's spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 19, at the Hilltop Conference Center. Fifty dollar savings bonds will be awarded to the two runners-up.

Last year's winner was Michael Paradis, a student at Lewiston Junior High School. Runners-up were Russ Ann Larabee, Weatherbee School in Hampden; and Nathan Bottesch, Garrett Schenck School of Anson. These essays were selected from more than 80 entries. They wrote on the topic: "1984: What would it be like if the government controlled all the news that goes into our papers?"



THE SIDE ELEVATION of the proposed Bethel ambulance garage shows the false paneling that obscures the shed roof. The side will face Cross Street. The Budget Committee last Thursday recommended borrowing up to \$72,000 for construction of the building. The matter will be put to voters at a special town meeting next Tuesday, March 19.



THE FRONT ELEVATION of the proposed ambulance garage has two bays and faces the present town garage on Cross Street.



VISITORS FROM ABROAD: The above exchange students are studying at Gould Academy this semester. They are, left to right, Emmanuel Boos, of Bourges, France, Barbara Ritter, of Allensteig, West Germany, and Celia Martinez, of Madrid, Spain.



THE CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP cross-country ski team is composed of Telstar students (back row, left to right) Ken Whitney, Mike Kelly, Shawn Smith, and (front row, left to right) Rick Bodwell, Scott Korhonen, and Coach Bob Remington. Team member Bruce Barth is not pictured.

GOULD SENIORS RECEIVE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following Gould Academy seniors have been notified by colleges of their acceptance as members of next fall's freshman class.

Molly Legg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sherman, North Conway, N.H.; The College of Arts & Sciences, University of Southern Maine. She plans to major in Social Welfare.

Eric Sahud, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mervyn Sahud, Piedmont, Calif.; Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

David Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, North Canton, Conn.; New Hampshire College, Manchester, N.H.

Keith Newfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joan Newfield, Framingham, Mass.; Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, in the architectural drafting program.

James Feeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Feeney, Bethel, Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y., Chemical Engineering; Mike Greifendorff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caspar, Jr., Rangeley, UMO, Electrical Engineering; Bill Judson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Judson, Bethel, UMO, Political Science; David Moreshead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Moreshead, Augusta, UMO, Business Administration; and Katharine Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wolf, Berrington, R.I., UMO.

SUPPORT GROUP FORMING FOR RELATIVES OF THE ELDERLY

A support group for relatives of the elderly will meet on March 26, 7:15 p.m., at 196 Main St., Norway. This is located above Longley's Hardware Store.

Anyone who has a relative who is a victim of Alzheimer's Disease or any related disease of an elderly person may be interested in attending this meeting.

Mary Ann Morin will be the speaker for the evening. She has been instrumental in forming support groups in Maine and will have much information to share with others concerning the many problems that occur in the treatment of this disease and its ripple effect on family relationships.

Tony Butters was at home over the weekend he has recently completed his pre-flight training requirements and will be starting officers' training on March 18 at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex. Allen Fraser is a patient at the Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. LeRoy Barker is a surgical patient at the Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

GOULD JV'S COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Gould Academy's men's JV basketball team finished their season with an excellent record of 13 wins with only two defeats. The junior Huskies knocked off Telstar, NYA, Buckfield, Hebron Academy, Greater Portland Christian School, Gorham (N.H.) High, Holderness School, Oak Grove-Coburn, and the Hyde School with their only two losses coming at the hands of the Kents Hill School.

The team scoring was led by senior and co-captain Arn Chorn, a Cambodian student who now lives with his American family in Jefferson, N.H., and sophomore Matt Baste from Isleboro. Arn averaged 17.4 points per game while Matt averaged 15.8. Both scored 25 points in a single game.

The third leading scorer was Jimmy Simbe, a sophomore from Los Angeles and the other team captain.

Coached by Terry Clark, a member of Gould's mathematics faculty, the 12-man team certainly kept it exciting for the coach. They won two games by one point and another by just two points, and one of their losses was also by just one point. All but two of the team return for the season next year so the prospects are good for another successful year.

Massachusetts motorist gets ticket, says thanks

Charles Liberty, principal of Mashpee Middle School in Mashpee, Mass., received a parking citation on Broad Street, Bethel, a couple of weeks ago. Was he angry? To the contrary, he was delighted, because the parking citation was in the form of a "courtesy warning."

In a letter to the Bethel selectmen, Mr. Liberty wrote, "This past weekend was my first visit to Bethel (and) I can assure you I will visit again, partly because of your practice of giving visitors a warning."

Mr. Liberty told The Citizen he and seven other advisors were chaperoning a group of 47 students from Dennis-Yarmouth High School on the Cape. They were all staying at The Bethel Inn, and he had parked his car conveniently in front of The Elms, which is a no-parking area during the winter.

He came out the next morning to find the courtesy warning on the windshield. "I want to thank the responsible person for the courtesy warning...It's great to know there are still places in our country with a little common sense."

He was not only delighted with the common sense of the town, but with the conditions at Sunday River, where the group skied. "The skiing was excellent," he told The Citizen. "There's no question, my wife and I will be back in Bethel."

Madison gets good review

The Madison Inn, in Rumford, received high marks from Maine's secretary of state, Rodney S. Quinn, recently. Said the Honorable Secretary Quinn, "Due entirely to a New York chef who prefers the quiet Oxford County life to Connecticut...it's the equivalent of a first-class New York restaurant, at one-third the price."

The Madison was on Mr. Quinn's list of the top-10 restaurants in the state, published in the "Maine Times." Most of his favorites were in the Portland area, but for steak he recommended Keddy's Motel. "Absolutely the best steak in Maine." The only catch is that Keddy's is in Presque Isle.



ELIZABETH PATTERSON and CINDY WHEELER

YOUNG WRITERS

The administrators and teachers of Bethel Bisbee School/Crescent Park School are proud of their student writers and will occasionally present these young Hemingways in this column. This week's writers are Elizabeth Patterson, of Mrs. Coolidge's second grade, and Cindy Wheeler, of Mrs. McCluskey's first grade.

The end of the Rainbow
 by Elizabeth Patterson

Once there were two leprechauns named Twinkle and Sparkle. Now I'll bet you'll want to know why they were called by such funny names, don't you? Well they were named after the gold in the pot.

Now you'll probably say, "I would like to be a leprechaun." But alas! Leprechauns do hard work. Oh, leprechauns do lovely poems. One of their favorites is, "Shamrocks."

Oh look at the Shamrock
 Oh pure, small and green.
 Oh look at them all—
 Look they're being seen.
 Oh no, it rained. Look out!
 We have to get a towel
 to let the gold dry.

It may seem funny, but that's how it goes!

In leprechaun land on St. Patrick's Day the leprechauns and leprechauns Celebrate!

Oh streamers and punch (lime punch, that is), shamrock cookies. Oh, what a wonderful party! And then (Betty Lepet did it last year) a leprechaun or leprechaun brings the pot of gold to the end of the rainbow. All the leprechauns and leprechauns cheer. How they cheer! And maybe, just maybe, a leprechaun is sneaking up on you now—maybe sneaking some gold in your coat pocket.

A Poem
 by Cindy Wheeler

A leprechaun lives in a treetop room.
 He keeps gold in the home and smokes a pipe.
 His friend lives in a magic mushroom.

UMF announces fall semester dean's list

The following area students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Melinda Smith Remington, Bethel; Katherine Leigh Everett (high honors), Hanover; David A. Schmechel, Rumford Point; Jackson Ojja, West Paris; Julie Lynn Marcoux Gomez, West Sumner.

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By ALICE KIMBALL

I spent last week with my daughter and family in Otsfield. She drove me to Portland on Monday for my medical appointment.

We received word here Saturday that Mrs. Eva Kimball Barker had suffered a heart attack and is a patient at the Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Jesse Doyen remains a patient at the Rumford Community Hospital although he has been transferred out of the intensive care unit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Salway with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gatchell of Bryant Pond were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gatchell in Gorham Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons attended the Youth Concert at the Lewiston Junior High School Sunday.

The time is always right to do what is right.—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Newry

By AMY HANSON

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight March 17, at 11 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch and rides for the retarded.

The club will meet at the Club House March 21, at 7:30. There will be a potluck supper and a business meeting. Gilberte Seeley will speak on Astrology.

Betsy Clark, Thelma Lowrey, Eleanor Davis, Nancy Wight, Sylvia Wight, June Swan, Olive and Jim Anderson, Eleanor Morton and Karlene Bachelder were in Rumford bowling March 6. Karlene Bachelder was high scorer.

Helen Morton, Newry artist, took a selection of her paintings to the Federal Bank in Waterville last week. They will be on display there until the last of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom and Jay attended a birthday party for Denise Walley at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walley, Bethel, Wednesday evening.

The Ladies Circle met at the home of June Swan Tuesday evening. June Swan led devotions. In the absence of Gilberte Seeley, Sylvia Harrington conducted the meeting. Attending were June Swan, Sylvia Harrington, Sylvia Wight, Eleanor Morton, Karlene Bachelder, Olive Anderson, Thelma Lowrey.

Veronica Boylan, Newry, and Larry Smith, Bethel, called on Amy and Roger Hanscom Friday p.m.

Albany

Hunt's Corner and Vicinity

By KATHY BENNETT

Winter has returned in full force. Grand for the skiers, but not for the gardeners.

Recent visitors at the home of Fred and Lib Scribner have been Dave and Mary Ellen Scribner, Myron and Florence MacIntire, Norma Buck and Wilma Gorman.

Barb Inman, Janice Morrill, and Norm and Betty Rust called at the home of Hugh and Edith Stearns one day last week.

Carla Rugg spent last weekend with her sister Tina Danico and family in Oxford.

Saturday night, Erland and Carol Rugg had supper with Esther and Homer Ward.

Louie, Steve and Lolita Hodgdon had supper with Jim and Paula Allen on Saturday night.

Wednesday evening, Lorie Hodgdon and Lena Davies went to Gray for an Avon meeting.

Keith Danico is spending a couple days with his grandmother, Esther Ward.

Franklin Barton, Jim and Butt, went to Brownfield rabbit hunting last Saturday.

Last evening, Franklin and Margaret Barton called on Bernard and Alice Graffam in Denmark.

As usual, things have been hectic at K-D's Acres. Recent callers have been Norm Rust, Margaret Barton, Jeff Barton, Linda Murch and Scott Dyer.

I want to thank all of you for your

Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

Some folks from the Upper Settlements attended Laurie's farm party also. A thousand pardons for the omissions.

Spring brings many things. We are sure of more daylight, expect spasmodic warm weather and rain showers which bring the first flowers like the pillowcase which blew off the clothesline and other debris hidden by snow. It also loosens pent up frustrations. Two neighbors came to blows over a minor matter, but as culmination of a series of matters.

Flossie Bernier and children visited the Berniers and Bergerons Monday. Albert and Thelma Judkins of West Peru visited in town one day last week.

Magalloway

By ALICE HARVEY

Cindy Bragg is recovering from a knee injury from a fall on the ski slopes. Schools were closed Tuesday due to the storm.

The Tuesday Ladies met at the hall in spite of a 15 inch snow fall. The snow plows were going steady day and night.

Donna, Anne and Alice were in Colebrook for their weekly shopping on Wednesday.

Pic and Betty Haynes of Colebrook spent an afternoon with Mark and Alice one day last week.

Beverly Cameron had the misfortune to fall and fracture her wrist. She'll have her arm cast on for four weeks.

Phyllis Parsons spent several days in Exeter with her daughter, Kim Lowell and family.

Duane and Susan Myers and daughter Lacy of Connecticut spent several days with Susan's parents, Wes and Helen Russell, recently.

Lincoln Plantation held their annual Town Meeting on Wednesday evening, March 6.

thoughtfulness to me at the time of the death of my aunt, Dorothea Hooper.

Andover

East Andover

By MARJORIE JODREY

What a beautiful winter snowstorm on Monday night and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Trine and Michele were in Scarborough, Westbrook, Portland on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson Sr. were in Lewiston on Wednesday to see Dr. Wolf.

Many from town enjoyed skiing at Sunday River on Tuesday afternoon.

Attending services for Mary Abbott French in Conway, N.H., on March 7 were Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Swain and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Faulkenham. Mrs. Guy (Letty) Akers and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Williams, her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Akers Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akers who are summer visitors at the Log Cabin in East Andover also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Poor Jr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert French on Sunday, March 3, the day before Mrs. French died.

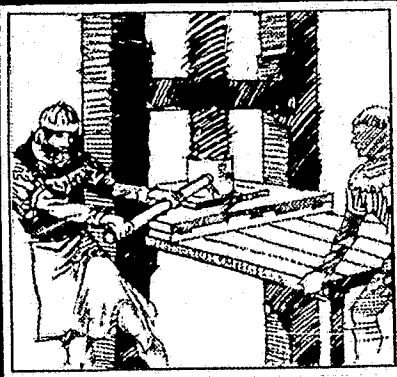
Mrs. Rex Thurston and son Danny were in Lewiston on Friday to see the doctor.

Don't forget to pick up your daffodils at Mrs. Swain's on March 14.

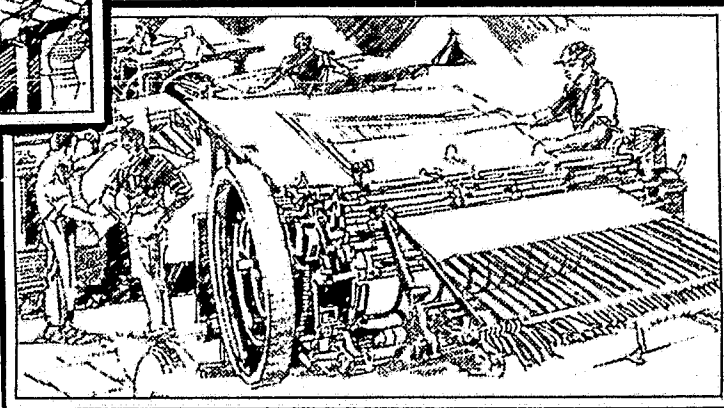


GOULD STUDENTS Robin Ashworth and Jennifer Smith were busy last week trimming pieces of colored glass with which they made stained glass ornaments at the studio of Bob and Jane Grover of Bethel. The off-campus experience was part of a school-wide program to get students into real-life situations. Some students learned wilderness survival, some studied the pros and cons of the Seabrook nuclear power plant, some talked with area residents about their lives and works, and some, like Robin and Jennifer, concentrated on producing works of art.

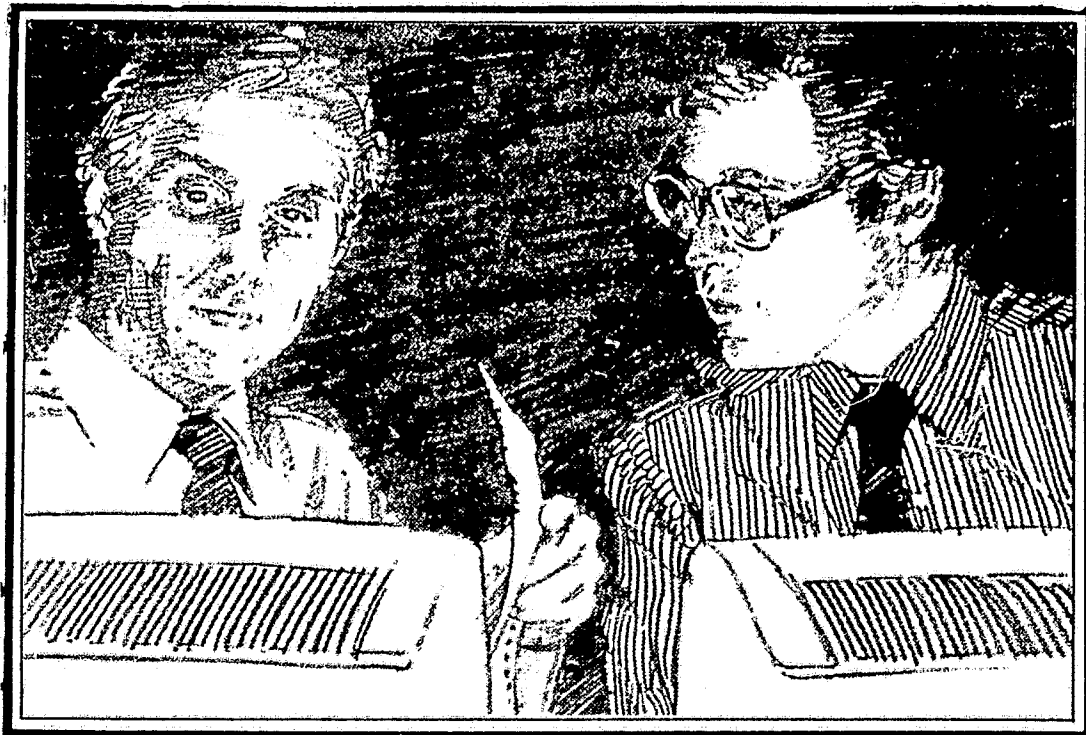
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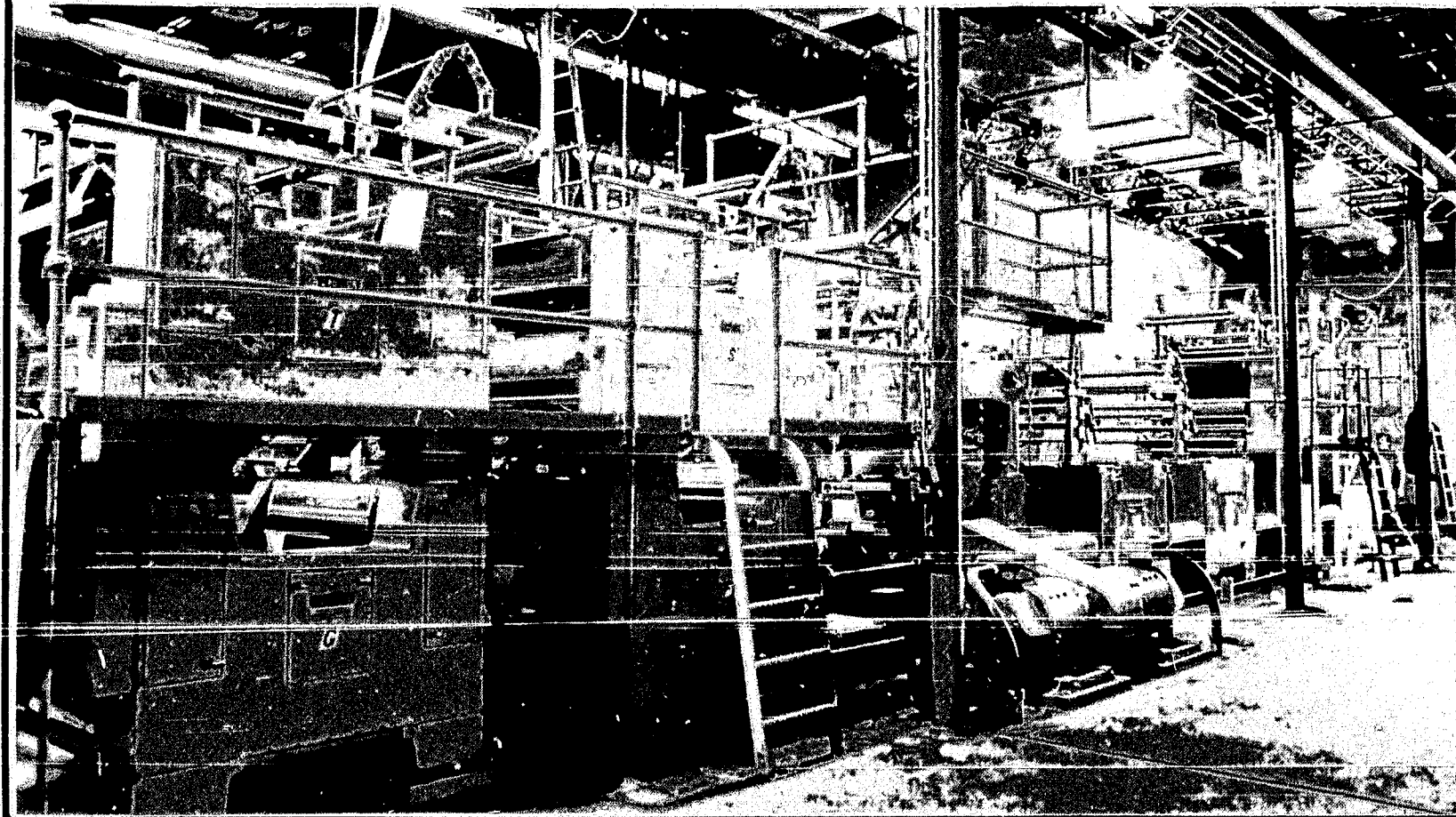


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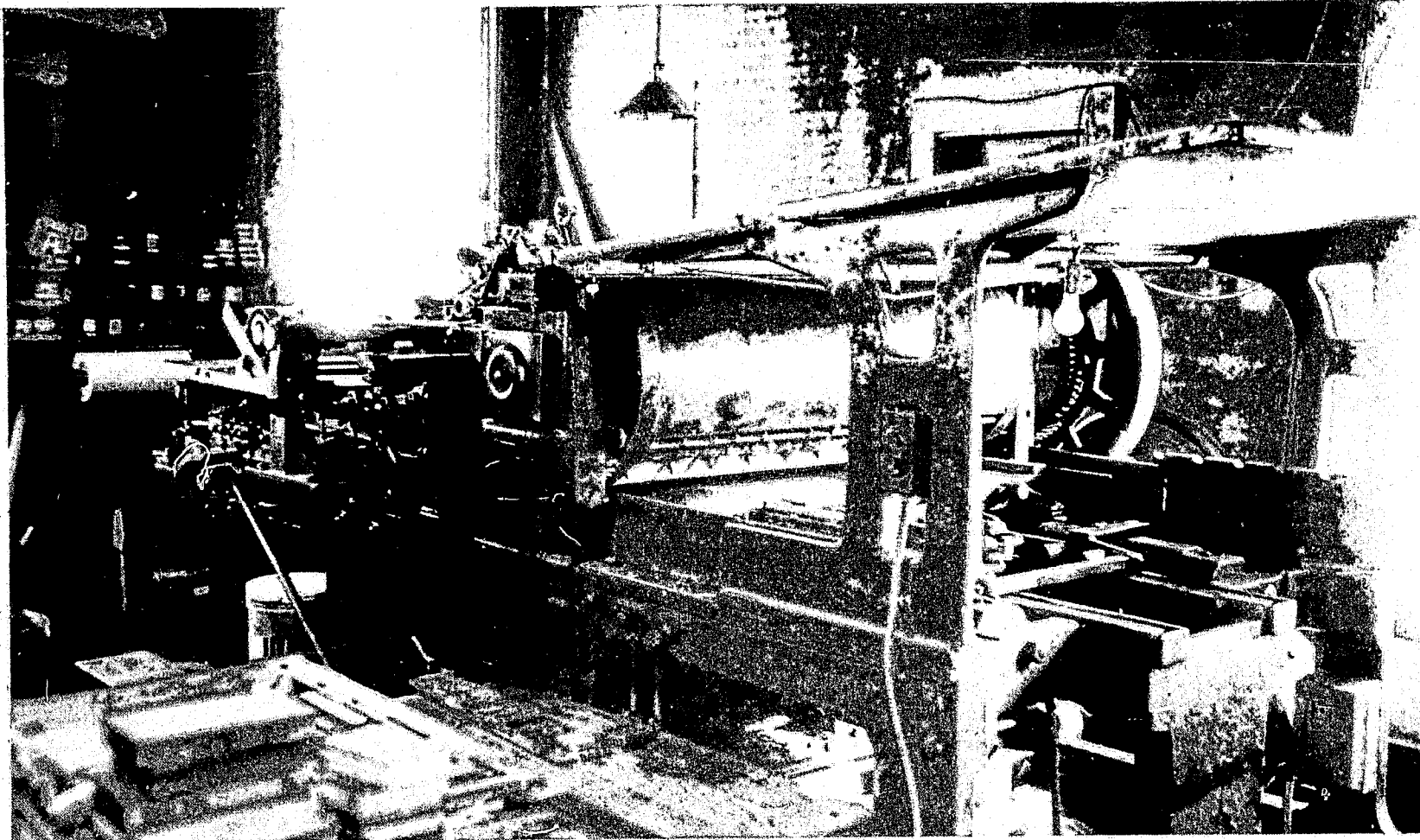


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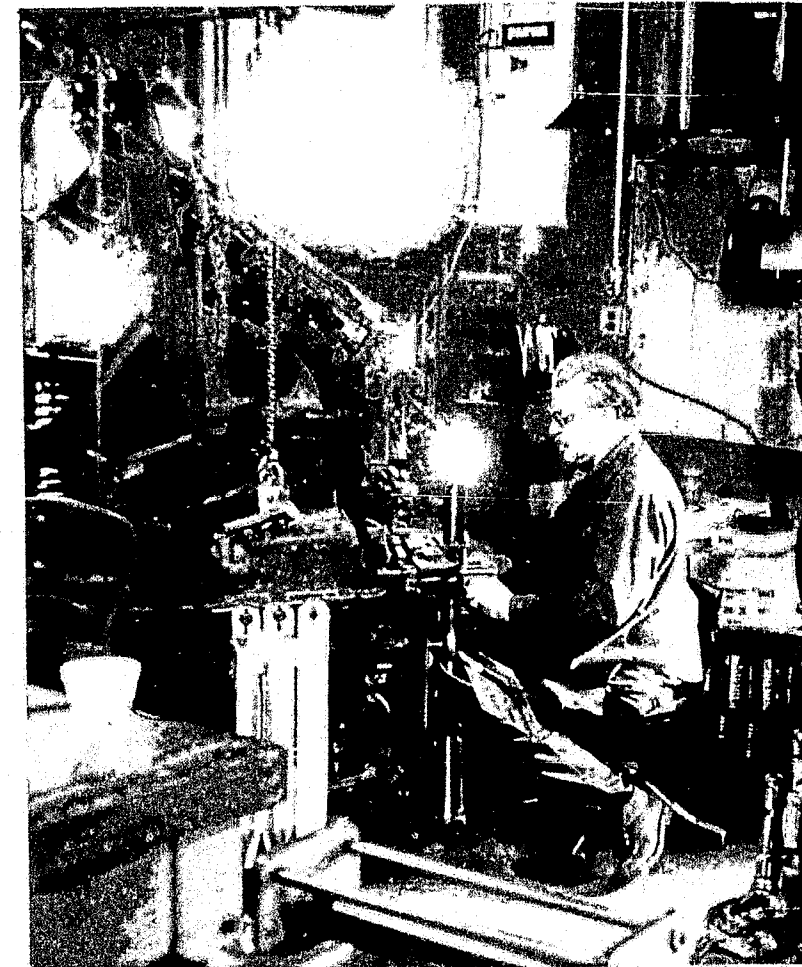
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THE VENERABLE MIEHLE PRESS, vintage 1905, was retired after last Thursday's press run at The Citizen office. It, and its predecessors, had been used to print the paper from lead slugs and zinc or plastic engravings. With the



JOHN BROWN, EDITOR of The Citizen, typesets the final hot-type edition of the paper last week on the Linotype machine. Today's paper utilizes what is known as cold type, that is, photo type as opposed to hot lead type.

Citizen through the years

Continued from Page One

Linotype operators retain a certain affection for these old rumbling, finicky, generally reliable machines that would sometimes appear to be obnoxious just out of pure cussedness. Will the operators of the sleek, sterile, smooth-working typesetting machines of the modern era feel the same affection for their machines 10 or 20 or 30 years down the road? A lot of us seriously doubt it.

However, "the die is cast," and this week The Citizen is being produced in cold type for the first time. The type is being spewed from the typesetter on strips of photographic paper, developed in a processor, cut into various-shaped strips and stuck onto the layout sheets to form the pages of this week's edition. The pages will then be trundled off to Lewiston to be printed.

All this is a far cry from The Bethel Courier of the 1850s. First published in December of 1858, The Courier was established by Cady and Smith and ceased publication in July of 1861. A prominent feature of this paper was a series of articles by Dr. N.T. True, who for 13 years was principal of Gould Academy, starting in 1848.

In 1895, The Bethel News, predecessor of The Citizen, was established by Aled Ellingwood, of Milan, N.H., with printing facilities at the rear of the Cole Block. In 1896, E.C. Bowler, of Palermo, acquired half-interest in the paper. Mr. Bowler was serving as superintendent of schools in Bethel. In 1897, Mr. Bowler took over full control of the paper.

About the middle of the first decade of the 20th century, The News acquired its first Linotype. Up until that time, the paper had been completely hand-set. In 1906, Mr. Bowler opened an office in Rumford and initiated The Rumford Citizen. This paper was operated separately from The News, but both of the papers were printed in the Bethel plant. In 1908 the papers were combined as The Oxford County Citizen.

Fred Merrill acquired The Citizen in 1913, when Mr. Bowler moved on, later to become the business manager of Portland's Daily Eastern Argus. Mr. Merrill had been associated with Ellery C. Park and Judge A.E. Herrick in the practice of law and the management of The Bethel Savings Bank and the Bethel National Bank.

Mr. Merrill sold the paper to David Forbes, of Gorham, N.H., in 1920, and returned to a position as assistant cashier in the Bethel National Bank. In the late 1940s he was local manager of the Casco Bank and Trust Co.

In November of 1917, a second Linotype machine was purchased, replacing the one acquired a decade previous.

Carl L. Brown acquired the paper in 1927, after working in the shop since 1911. Mr. Brown served as editor of The Citizen from that time until his death in April of 1963. In 1961 the paper and print shop were incorporated as Citizen Printers Inc. Since 1963, Carl Brown's son, John, has been the editor of the paper.

From 1963 until 1975, Mr. Brown's widow, Ruth, was the majority stockholder in Citizen Printers Inc., with sons Don Brown, John Brown, Edwin Brown and his wife, Musa, participating in the day-to-day operation of the paper. Ruth Brown passed away in March of 1977. During this period, the paper purchased another Linotype, with the 1917 acquisition relegated to providing parts as needed for the last-purchased machine. Also, in 1964 a Fairchild engraver was purchased to enable more frequent publication of photographs.

In September of 1984, The Citizen was acquired by Citizen Press, Inc., with Bernard Wideman and John Brown as stockholders. Coming to Bethel after three years as editor of the Ipswich (Mass.) Chronicle, Mr. Wideman has had experience in the weekly and daily newspaper field as well as an overseas correspondent in the Far East.

As The Citizen moves towards its 10th decade of serving the people of the Bethel area, we hope to be able to retain the best of the past as well as utilizing the technology of the present.

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Photos by Don Brown



MAKING AN ENGRAVING OF A PHOTO for last week's paper, Don Brown sets up the Fairchild engraving machine. The photos in this week's paper are done by a newer photographic, rather than engraving, process.



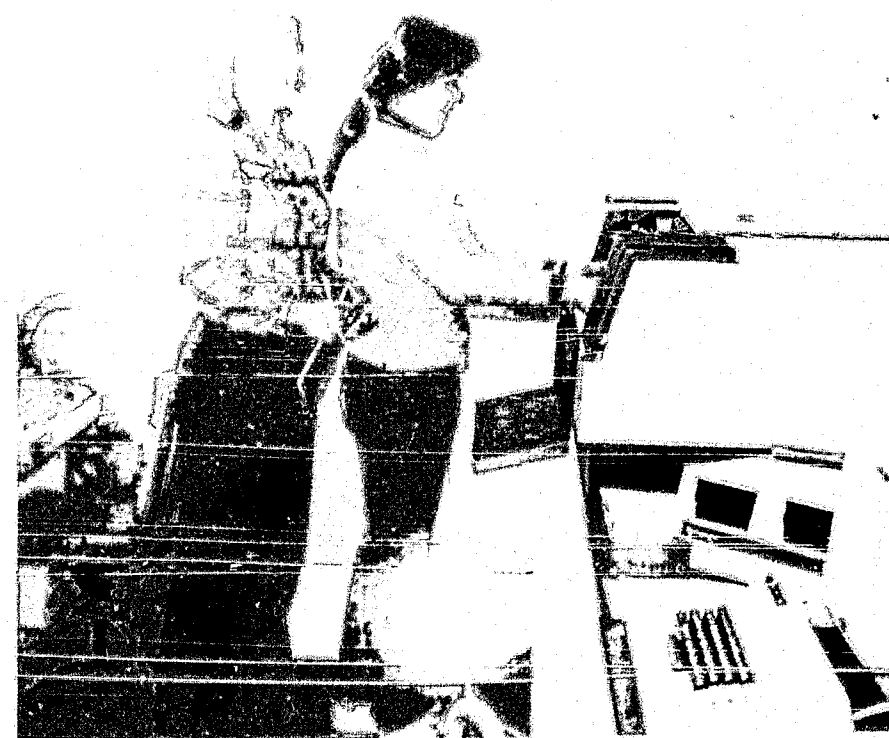
LAURIE DAVIS AND HER MOTHER, Musa Brown, take charge of addressing and mailing The Citizen to subscribers in Oxford County and as far away as Alaska and overseas.



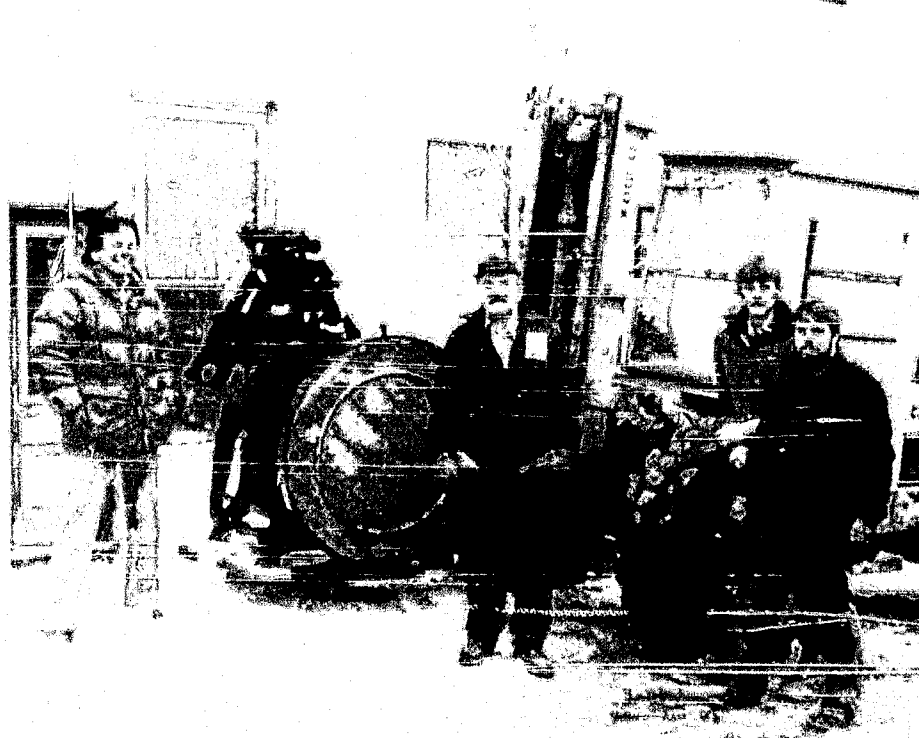
ARRANGING THE SLUGS of lead type in a page form, printer Edwin Brown makes up a page for last week's final hot-type edition.



THE ECLIPSE FOLDING MACHINE accepts one sheet, printed on both sides, at a time and folds it and cuts it so that it comes out as a newspaper. Don Brown operates the machine during last Thursday's press run. From now on, the paper will be folded and cut as it comes off the big press in Lewiston.



UTILIZING THE CITIZEN'S NEW computerized typesetting equipment, advertising representative Sue Byerly and graphic designer Karen Hakala design and typeset ads for the paper. The new equipment is also used for custom typesetting and other job work.



TO MAKE ROOM for the new typesetting equipment, an old press had to be removed from The Citizen office in the Cole Block, Main Street, Bethel. Helping move out the 2,500-pound press were (left to right) publisher Bernard Wideman, editor John Brown, and Jeff Smith and Frank Lowell, of Western Maine Supply Co. (The press was deposited in Wideman's garage.)

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

Woodstock Extension will meet on Wednesday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Ruth Silver on the East Bethel Road. The project will be crafts: making favors for nursing home residents. Bring a brown bag lunch. Members will meet at the Town Hall at 10:15 to car pool.

Franklin Grange will meet on Monday, March 18, for a meeting at 7 p.m. This will be deputy instruction. Please bring six sugar cookies rolled out for a cookie contest.

I understand they (Woodstock Elementary School) did very well on their bottle drive.

There was a good turnout at the Woodstock Historical Society meeting, with an interesting program. Work is progressing very well on the historical building.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

Before the arrival of the March fifth storm, I took two hikes to the woods, one up the Spring Road on the crust and one into the hemlock grove.

Our New England forests are almost unique among the other forests of the world in their dramatic changes. Each season has its own charm. But winter is the time of bare trees and when the long-settled land reveals clues to its past history. All up over the hills are stone walls, dry built, not rigid with mortar. They were skillfully built. Many out-lived roads, woodlands, and fields everywhere in New England. Of course many have been destroyed, the rocks hauled away. Many run through the woods today. I traveled among them when going to the hills.

Then came winter again; so this is a good time to share an article which a friend gave to me. See if you agree.

Just Thinking What Is Winter

Winter is...a car lodged in a snowdrift with the shovel home on the porch, an unscheduled flight over the doorstep...an ill wind blowing in on exposed water pipes...thus frantic husbands searching for propane torches (empty). Telephone lines down, unplowed roads, your child has a temperature of 103 degrees and the strongest thing in the house is Aunt Sadie's dandelion wine, which has aged for ten years...the equivalent with which you are aging as the winter has no intention of turning its gavel over to spring.

Winter is...Peter Perfect next door with his drive shoveled clean, and yours is a sheet of ice. Winter is purple fingers shoveling to the clothes line, two days later purple fingers prying clothes off the

Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

"It's not nice to fool Mother Nature." Remember that old TV commercial? Well, maybe it's not nice to fool Mother Nature, but she sure fooled us. Here we are imprisoned once again by drifting mounds of pure white snow, that seems to run from your shovel like so much granulated sugar—right back to the place where you just painstakingly shoveled it from.

This little prank of hers took place on March 4, after she had held up to us a vision of loveliness and let us glimpse once again the better side of her face, showing us at the same time what a few blades of green grass looked like.

Reveling in the warmth of her sun's rays, did we for one minute suppose that on Tuesday we would again be locked inside our own castles, however so humble?

Ever try to hunt for a newspaper under these conditions? Gilead is becoming modernized. Thanks to a retired vet in the Lockes Mills area, we now receive the Sun at a very early

line to dry in the house...pinkish fingers draping clothes throughout abode to dry. (I must warn you I did drape two towels and a potholder on one child who had his arms outstretched in the role of a jet airplane so do watch yourself.)

Winter is taking fifteen minutes to outfit the youngster in a snowsuit, elbow length mittens, rubberized boots...stuffing him under your arm, carrying him to the front yard standing him upright, just to return and hear a scream that he's cold. Meanwhile some joker comes along, makes a crude remark about the funny little snowman; stuffs a pipe into his mouth.

Winter is chasing cats each night or standing on the porch with a hunk of raw meat while the night winds blow around and up your granny gown. Each month has sixty days...but then winter is skiing. Need I say more? Hand me Aunt Sadie's dandelion wine. I am going to sit on the oven door until the first of May.

Anna Jarvenpaa entertained the Tuesday Club on March 5 at her home. All members were there except Doris Hayes. "Shingles," Eveline Vatcher says. My sympathy to her. They kept me company all last winter. I certainly agree with her thoughts of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hayes have spent much time with Doris Hayes this week.

hour, and the morning paper again becomes a "morning" paper.

However, upon the advent of the said 5th day of March, I was awakened by what seemed to be a terrible hushed stillness and the very dim light of the snowflakes. Arising and peering without, I saw a drift of snow halfway up the front door. Turning on the porch light I then beheld a trail of tracks leading to the front steps (or so I thought).

"The paper has gotten through!", I speak aloud in a joyous tone to myself. And rigging up in my moon boots, ski jacket, white fur cap and gloves, I push open the door. But nary a paper to be seen anywhere. The tracks are then perceived to lead to a shovel, which had half-expectantly been propped up against the side of the porch.

Taking a broom handle, I then begin to explore the steps' hidden contents, punching and poking in a crazed fervor. But to no avail. Heartsick, I wade to the end of the sidewalk and peer under the open porch—the ground there remains bleak and black with not a sign of a plastic-wrapped epistle.

Grieving, I return to the warmth of a welcome interior, turn on the "Good Morning America" show, and with a cup of hot java awakening my entire frozen being, I proceed to get my morning news visually and verbally.

Nodding off a bit from the croon of David Hartman's voice, while sitting in my comfortable wing-backed chair, I am awakened rudely by a car motor. Peering outside once again, I note the newspaper lying on my freshly shoveled doorstep in all her splendid plastic-wrapped glory.

Daylight then prompted a more detailed study of the driveway, and then I discovered the tracks I had seen were nothing more than the tracks of a neighbor's dog who had inadvertently mistaken my shovel for a city fire hydrant. (Even the dogs in Gilead seem to be perplexed by the current series of events.)

Be there a moral to this story, perhaps it should read, "Don't count on spring before it's fully hatched."

Peace everyone, and keep spring in your heart.

The Town of Gilead's town meeting will be held on March 16 at 7 p.m.

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W. Greenwood

By CAROLYN M. COLBY

Vicki Wilson called her grandmother, Irene Wilson, Sunday evening, Vicki had flown to Newark, N.J., for the weekend.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Danny Kennedy from Bingham, a courageous young man with a pleasant personality who set a good example for others to live up to.

Howard and Mildred Emery, Albany, visited Joe and Muriel Gilbert Saturday evening.

Leah Deegan and Mary Jane Gaudreau spent Saturday with their mother, Margarette Spinney at Ledgewood Nursing Home. It was her 90th birthday. Sally Smith made birthday cakes for her grandmother and three other ladies who shared the same

birth date.

On my way home from work one day last week, in a woody stretch not near to any houses, a bantam hen sat huddled beside the road. I could hardly believe my eyes. I didn't know how to cope with a loose chicken in the car, but I had to try to get her. She never would have survived the below-zero temperature that night. Just as I nearly had her, she flew up into a pine tree and I went home to try to find out who she belonged to. Later, I found out that Bob Lowe had seen her and had gone home for a smelting net. He was able to capture her and deposit her in Irene Wilson's Batty Bird Barn, where she got along quite well with the other ladies after some initial cackling.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 30 MRSA 2451-B the Bethel Board of Selectmen will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 1985, in the Town Office Meeting Room to hear comments from interested citizens and act upon application for an Automobile Graveyard (Junkyard) permit from Shervood Jordan, located on Grover Hill, Bethel, Maine. T. Brown Jr., Town Clerk 10-11

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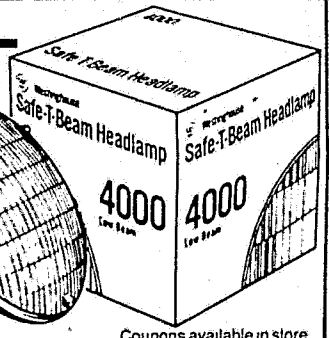
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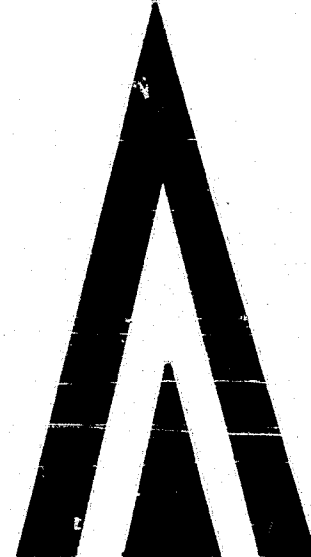
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West Paris

By VIVA WHITMAN

A lovely sunny, but cold, morning. Old Man Winter hasn't got done with us as yet, even though some of us wish he had. I measured about 12 inches of snow after the storm on last Monday night. Was supposed to go to the doctor's on Tuesday, but didn't get there so hope to today.

I was glad the snow was light as Russell still isn't up to getting out and running the snowblower and such things. A hematoma takes a long time to heal, as I well know after having one on my arm after the car accident in 1982. It took three to four months to get better, and I'll always have a scar to show for it. Where Russell has to be so careful because of the blood thinner he takes, it takes a long time for him to get over anything like that, but it is getting better, slowly. He gets around and does things for himself more and that is good. It gives him a little exercise and helps keep that leg from getting so stiff.

I was a busy gal this past week as I was getting ready for a birthday party for the whole family, or at least those who would come. Had hoped for more to come than did, but those of us here sure had a good time. I had made cakes, corn bread, roasted a turkey and ham and chicken. Had lots of nice vegetables and two jello salads. When Laura came, she brought some oyster stew to go with what I had, so no one went away hungry. In fact, I have frozen some of the leftovers for later use.

I had wanted to have a party like we had had in Bethel two years ago and had asked Dick Felt and Dot Canwell when they could find a Sunday to come and have a party with lots of their good music. That was the date they set, March 3, and I was ready.

Many people didn't realize we still had the piano, but we moved it when

we left Bethel and my daughter and granddaughter both enjoy it when they are here. Courtney always has to play and sing when she comes to see Nana and Uncle Joe. We love to watch her and listen, as she loves music like her grandmother does and can't get enough music to satisfy her. Hope she will be able to have lessons when she is old enough to and if she wants to.

She was fascinated with Dick's harmonica and after watching him for a while, put both hands up to her mouth and made them go back and forth as she had seen him do. He also brought along his fiddle and banjo and tried to get Lawrence to try them. He had the right rhythm with his plucking the strings on the banjo, but as he said, he had no idea where the different keys were. He had a good time anyway. We did a little singing along with the playing and Dot did some of her famous whistling and that was enjoyed too. Laura's daughter had come with her and brought her girls and son and the older girl tried to whistle a few times. They were very good children and Dick paid us a very good compliment by saying he hadn't seen any better behaved children for a long time. They know what they are allowed to get into and what they had better not get into. As Wynona said, Grandma spoils Courtney but she makes her mind and I do. That's where the love comes in. I want her to be a girl that everyone loves to have around and not one that gets into everything and is a big nuisance. She didn't fight with any of the others and when her Mother had the baby in her lap, she went over to help put him to sleep. Hope she is as good when the new baby comes to her home in May.

I want to thank Dick and Dot for coming and giving us all such a good time. Dick knows he can practice on his fiddle or banjo and we will have a good time with him. We all enjoy his music

and used to gather around the piano at Christmas time or whenever we got together and sing; that was when Aunt Dot used to play the piano for all hands. Wynona has done some of it and Laura has played a lot at times for different ones to sing. I know nothing that brings more joy than that.

Let me see if I can remember all who came here on Sunday, March 3. Lawrence and Grace Yates, daughter, Beverly Andrews; Laura Hutchins, daughter Lorene and three children, Mandy, Calla and Preston Cobb; Russell and myself, Richard Felt, Dot Canwell and husband Harold, Wynona and Courtney Woolf and Helen Strout, my foster daughter. If I have missed anyone, I didn't mean to. I did miss someone. Our brother and wife, Bryce and Barbara Yates of Bethel came also. I had sent invitations to many more and had hoped for many more to come and join in, even for a little while, but was glad to see all who came. The others don't know what they missed.

Have been doing some sewing for my granddaughter and myself as well as fixing some things for the new baby to come in May. Have finished a gift for Peggy as her birthday is soon coming and I didn't have much for her for Christmas. Guess I won't have as much next year as I had this last Christmas. What a nice letter I got saying I was being cut on my food stamps. It makes me so mad I would like to get hold of some of the big folks who like to take away from us who have nothing and cram a few of the letters down their throats. I was just getting by and now to be cut so badly—not even half as much as I was getting. I don't know how I will manage to get anything that I really need. I had hoped to get a pair of shoes, but I don't know how I will manage. It makes one not care or makes one mad. I sure would like to see the president or the governor or lots of other people like that brought down and have to live on less than \$400 a month. They would sure do some yelling before the month

was over and I'd like to be there to see it all. They want to give to the other countries to help them, but I think the help should start at home first.

I feel sorry for the other countries too, and would help in a minute if I could, but what about all the hungry folks in our own country? Shouldn't their fate be considered first?

The farmers have been the backbone of the country and now one can't make anything as a farmer. I think the people who know nothing of farming should be pushed aside and let those who grew up on a farm take over where that is concerned.

Where do they think all the good things to eat come from or are they so dumb they don't know that it takes farming to produce vegetables and meat for people to live on.

When I was a girl, we had very little for clothing. Just enough to get by on, but we had what we needed to eat as Father always had a garden and raised beef and pigs to dress off for meat.

Chickens were among the items on the farm, and rabbits also. Fish could be bought from a fish peddler for a few cents a pound and he made a good living.

We fished in the brook and got nice trout to eat, and how I loved to bring home a good string of fish when fishing with my younger brother. How good they were. But there isn't even the good fishing today that there was then.

I wonder just what the country is coming to in the future. Hope I'm not around to see it when there are no more farms to raise food for people to eat. I can't imagine what the people in Washington are thinking of, but it seems they are not thinking of the food folks need to keep going.

There are times when I would like to go and tell some of them the facts of life, but then I stop and realize they wouldn't know it if it was told to them in words to make children understand. Where does the future lie?

Does anyone have the answer? It is sure needed, and I, for one, don't think they have it in Washington. Hope some one can find one somewhere.

Guess I have said enough, but it makes one wonder what is to become of the children who are being born. What will their future be, or will they have one at all?

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

The trustees of the Locke Mills Union Church will meet Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Margaret and Keith Ring.

The Ladies Circle will meet Wednesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m., at the Sunday School room. This is the first meeting since the winter recess and a tasting party is scheduled.

The applications for the Greenwood and Finlandia Scholarships for Greenwood residents are available from School Director Harry Swan, Jr. The deadline for returning the applications is May 1.

The Greenwood Historical Society met at the meeting house Wednesday evening. Approximately 25 people enjoyed a ham supper followed by a business meeting. The meeting was mostly taken up by a discussion on sponsoring a public dance. Ben Cenant gave an interesting talk on Jonathan Clark and the Indians at Snow Falls. Joyce Hathaway offered to have refreshments for the next meeting on April 3.

The Greenwood Fire Department held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the fire station with a small attendance. They discussed what was needed for future equipment.

A male tiger and white cat with a yellow collar with bells was found. It's very friendly. If it's yours, please call Vera Cross or Lorraine Mills.

"Mike" Porter is a patient at the Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Anne Troy had as dinner guest Charlotte Cole one day last week. They then traveled to Ledgewick where they visited some who had birthdays. Charlotte played her accordion for some of them. They then visited Charlotte's father, Lester Cole, at the Market Square Health Facility in South Paris.

Stan Seames is expected home this week after spending two weeks at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse and Darren took Mrs. Bertha Flanders to Yarmouth where they helped Thelma Gaudet and son Johnny celebrate their birthdays.

Congratulations to John Chase, Todd Swan, John Dorman, Crystal Chase, Dennis Swan, Pixie Williams and Mark Barlett for their remarkable showing in the Bob Cole Cup race.

FRIENDLY SENIOR CITIZENS

The Friendly Senior Citizens met at the North Waterford Church, with 28 present, on Wednesday, March 6.

Pam DeTour and Edith Holt installed the officers for 1985: President Gene Maillet, Vice-President Lillian Herrick, Secretary Violet Doughty, Treasurer Inez Barker.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for departed members Charles Hamilton and Amos Heikkinen, followed by the Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag.

Eva Tripp was added to the nominating committee for 1986 by the president.

Having birthdays in February and March: Mike Cummings, Charles Fillebrown, Violet Doughty, Louise Morse, Eva Tripp and Edith Holt. On the sick list are Theresa Proctor, Edith Miller, Alice Knights and Bertrand Rugg.

Perry Munroe, from Social Security, spoke on Medicare, etc.

The boatride through the locks—2½ hours—will take place on June 28 at 11 a.m., rain or shine. You'll need your own transportation, and bring a lunch. It's the Songo Queen II, in Naples, same price as last year, \$4 per person. Information may be obtained from Gene Maillet at 824-2376. Entertainment will be provided.

The next meeting will be on April 3, with Norway, on the potluck dinner committee. There will be an Easter bonnet parade, also poems, stories, etc., by the members.

West Bethel

Little Wade Luxton, who broke his arm three weeks ago, had his cast changed to a smaller one Friday.

Our beautiful snowstorm of last Monday night pleased the skiways and school children, even if not all of us other folks.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Circle of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church was held Tuesday evening at the home of Debbie Luxton, with a good attendance. Plans were made for a fellowship dinner on March 24, the men's prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. on March 30, and the Easter Breakfast and Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Roland Lord, of Bryant Pond, will be the guest speaker at PVBC on March 24, while Pastor and Mrs. Griffith are in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Jeff Parsons and children have returned home after visiting her parents in California for three weeks.

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BASKETBALL AWARDS: The above Telstar students received basketball awards at last week's winter sports awards assembly: (from left to right) Bernie Haines, MVP; Chad Bean, coach's award; Donna Dorey, MVP; Jon Head, coach's award; Jodey Kimball, coach's award; Harold Munzner, Most Improved; Jeff Rainey, 6th Player Award.



WINNERS ALL: These Telstar students (left to right) won ski awards at last week's awards ceremony: Heidi Belanger, Dr. John Trinward award and Best Cross-Country; Shawn Smith, coach's award; Linda James, Heidi Burk Memorial; Mike Kelly, Dr. John Trinward award and Clarence Remington award; Darlie Witter, Best Alpine; Ken Whitney, coach's award. Bruce Barth, not pictured, won the boys' Best Alpine.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU SET UP FOR FATHERHOOD FORUM

A new speakers' bureau has been formed by the Fatherhood Forum Planning Committee, according to Oxford County Community Services, sponsor of the June 15 program of workshops and discussion on the changing role of fathers in the modern family. John T. Grover, former dean of Gould Academy and president of the board of directors of Oxford County Community Services, is one of the number of speakers available. "Ted" Grover is also co-chairman of the Fatherhood Forum.

Ski touring center busy

Bethel native David Carter had a busy weekend recently with the Oxford Winter Carnival. David and his wife Anne run Carter's Ski Touring Center in Welchville on Route 26. In the summer the place is a farm market. David became interested in cross-country skiing as a youngster and went on to become a top competitor at Gould Academy and then at UMO. He and his wife operate a fully equipped cross-country ski shop, as well as providing miles of trails across the local fields.

Local skiers score in Bill Koch regionals

The Bill Koch Youth Ski League 1985 New England Regional Championships were held March 2-3 in Brattleboro, Vt. (for jumping) and Benning, Vt. (for cross-country), with 279 skiers competing. District 1 (Maine and northern New Hampshire) skiers posted the most outstanding results of the competition. Local skiers who scored well were the following: Danny Irish, of Andover, was 31st among boys, 8-9; Rebecca Kuzik, of Bethel, was 12th among girls, 8-9;

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

Our last snowstorm of the year was dumped on us Monday night. We got about a foot of the white stuff. At least I hope it's the last one. The wind spread it round over the hill awhile Wednesday morning.

David Clements is home from the South Pole where he has been for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews of Bridgton visited with me Saturday afternoon for a couple of hours. Arthur filled my woodbox while he was here.

Esther and Olive Davis attended the services held for Dorothea Hooper at the Baptist Church, Bryant Pond, Sunday afternoon.

Vera Buck called on me one day last week.

Richard Felt and Dot Canwell entertained at Russell Yates Sunday. Russell and Viva had a birthday party for all, she said. Russell has been laid up with a ruptured vessel in his leg.

Richard Felt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Canwell were in Auburn Wednesday night entertaining at an Odd Fellows retirement party. They played at West Custogo Grange in North Yarmouth this last week also.

Vera Buck has finished work and is at home at present. STILL WORKING. Esther Davis took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hathaway Tuesday.

Kevin and Glennie Roberts and son, John, of West Sumner, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dillingham and Craig.

Mrs. Glennie Roberts and Mrs. Lolalee Dillingham were in Rumford on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dillingham and Son, Craig, called on Ned and Ruth DeRouche and family, Tuesday evening.

Craig Moore Dillingham worked for Erlon Hadley during his week's vacation from school.

Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Dodge called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dillingham, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lolalee Dillingham called on Mrs. Helen Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roberts, Wednesday afternoon.

North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

It was a beautiful beginning for the month of March and many people were out for the day, shopping, lunch and whatever.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, Roxbury Road, were recent callers at the Vatcher's. They are interested in the Satellite. Maybe Louie Damon will buy one for their enjoyment. Good friends enjoy TV.

The sap buckets are out for another season. Bring on the flapjacks and bacon.

A spring snowstorm brought us a good 12 inches of snow. No school Tuesday, but town meeting was held Tuesday evening. It takes more than a few snowflakes to stop the town meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vatcher, Wilmington, Mass., Tina, Sally and Lisa came Thursday evening for a long weekend with his Aunt Rhoda Vatcher and Uncle Joe and Aunt Evelline Vatcher. They love the snowmobiling and skiing.

Eveline Vatcher is still sporting the shingles and she goes out only when necessary. Joe has started his annual housecleaning to fill in his time, and is progressing well.

Callers at Lawrences: Odell Heath, Joe Vatcher, Stevie Millett, Rhoda Vatcher.

David Anderson and friend, Burlington, Mass., spent the weekend with David's Uncle Joe and Aunt Evelline Vatcher. They brought their snowmobiles in the van.

Mollycokett Sportsman's Club had their monthly supper and meeting at the West Paris Legion hall Saturday evening. Plans were made to go to Katie's Kitchen for supper on April 6, then go to the home of Harlan and Faye Abbott for the meeting. Let's go.

The fishing derby was held March 3 on Moose Pond in North Paris, with 11 people present. A very windy day, but some pickers were caught, also a few colds. Hot dogs and rolls were furnished by the club.

Several from our hamlet attended the benefit supper for Hugh and Electa Hill at So. Paris Saturday.

Snow changing to rain as I write these items.

BETHEL AREA HEALTH CENTER TO INSTALL NEW PHONE SYSTEM

The telephone company will be at the Health Center March 20-22 to begin the installation of a more efficient phone system. Having this done now will minimize confusion for patients when the big move to the new building takes place later this year.

The public is asked to be understanding with the staff during this transition as some errors and inconvenience may occur on these days.

Kristen Powell, of Bethel, was 8th among girls, 10-11; Dean Angevine, of Bethel, was 14th in Class III boys jumping and 9th in Class III boys nordic combined.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to everyone who remembered me with cards, thoughts, prayers and kind deeds in the recent loss of my son. Everything is deeply appreciated.

Barbara Miller

Area's First Biathlon Held March 2 & 3 at Ski Touring Center

Sunday River Ski Touring Center and Gould Academy sponsored the area's first Biathlon the weekend of March 2 and 3, with the support of the Maine National Guard, the Vermont National Guard and the United States Biathlon Association.

During the weekend 22 biathletes and would-be biathletes experienced the excitement of this relatively new (to the United States) sport of cross country skiing and target shooting. The ski course used was the new race trail across the road from the touring center. The rifle range was set up in Don Bennett's pine plantation using special metal targets provided by the National Guard and administered by Guard personnel.

At the conclusion of the weekend a group of participants met and formed a Maine Biathlon Club. For information on the club or the sport of biathlon, contact Steve Wight at Sunday River Ski Touring Center or Kirk Segal at Gould Academy.

Telstar Inducts New Honor Society Members

At a high school assembly on Monday afternoon, eight new members were inducted into the Telstar Chapter of the National Honor Society. These new members included four seniors, one junior and three sophomores, each of whom were selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Receiving the recognition of their peers were seniors Donald Barker, son of Bradley and Judith Barker of Bethel; Bruce Barth, son of Alvin Barth of Bethel; Michael McGuire son of H. Paul, McGuire and Jean McGuire of Bethel; Keith Wight, son of Stephen and Margaret Wight of Sunday River; Junior Tanya Foster, daughter of Norman and Judith Foster of Bryant Pond; sophomores Giori Bolio, daughter of Ernest and Nadja Bolio of Bryant Pond; Keith Clanton, son of Norman and Sylvia Clanton of Bethel; and Kevin Powell, son of Bruce and Shirley Powell, of Hanover.

On Tuesday evening, these eight students and their parents were honored with a lasagna dinner followed by a candlelight induction ceremony in the Telstar library.

CARD OF THANKS

How can anyone help but feel better with so many prayers and get-well wishes being sent to me while I was in the hospital and since being home. Many thanks to you all, also for the beautiful flowers and to the drivers who have so kindly driven me to the hospital for my weekly blood tests.

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School budget

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costs than the larger districts, indicating that there are certain economies of scale enjoyed by the larger units.

The same holds true for independent towns that tuition their students to the district. Gilead, which in 83-84 had 49 students, had a per pupil cost of \$1,724. Upton, on the other hand, which had only 15 pupils, spent \$2,037 per pupil.

The directors appointed Bruce Powell of Hanover as administrative assistant succeeding John Quartararo who recently resigned to accept a similar position in New Hampshire. Mr. Powell has had nearly 20 years of experience in the accounting field. Since February of 1984 he has been controller with the Diamond Match Co. at its Dixfield and Oakland plants. Prior experience includes over four years as controller at Stowell Wood Products Inc., Bryant Pond; two and a half years as administrative manager and office manager, G.N. Bass & Co., Wilton; over two and half years at comptroller at AGI Rubber Company, Bridgeport, Conn., and seven years and a half as senior staff accountant, John H. Vehman & Co., CPAs, Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Powell's academic background includes a BS in business administration from Bryant College, Providence, R.I., graduate courses at the University of Bridgeport (Conn.); specialized courses and seminars by the AICPA, NAA, the Connecticut and Massachusetts Societies of CPAs, and the University of Maine at Farmington. It is expected Mr. Powell will assume the position in early April.

Following a student disciplinary hearing conducted in executive session the board expelled a 16-year-old Telstar sophomore following a third offense of smoking on school property. The fulfilling of recommendations following evaluation by a chemical abuse counselor will be required before application to the board of directors for readmission as a student.

Second and final reading approval were granted for a four-month trial period to policies concerning Substance Use and Abuse, and Child Neglect and Abuse.

Morrison and Sylvester of Auburn of Auburn was awarded the bid to supply SAD 44 with a 72-passenger school bus. The unit is to be an International chassis with a Bluebird body at a cost of \$37,531.

New England School Supply was awarded the bid to supply the district with paper, art, and general instructional supplies at a cost of \$24,604.01.

Debra Stearns Seames was approved as a substitute teacher. The board approved the posting of a hot lunch position.

The board approved salaries for fiscal

year 1986 as follows: Natalie Timberlake, director of pupil personnel services, \$22,000; Nancy Davis, principal of Ethel Bisbee and Crescent Park Schools, \$25,000.

Catherine Newell was approved as director of adult and community education for fiscal year 1986 at salary of \$10,000.

Jean McGuire was approved as a half-time Chapter I instructional aide at the Andover Elementary School. The resignation of Donna Folsom as high school secretary/special education secretary was accepted and authority granted to post the position.

Nancy Dewing of Greenwood attended her first meeting as a member of the board of directors. Elected to the board to fill the one year vacancy created by the resignation of Sylvia Cross as of the first regular meeting of April, she was appointed by the Greenwood selectmen to serve during the interim period. Board members Darline Hall, Andover; Al Barth, Bethel; and Paul Hillquist, Woodstock, were not present Monday evening.

The board will hold a special meeting next Monday evening, March 18, at the Telstar library to work on the fiscal year 1986 budget.

Woodstock selectmen

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The selectmen went on to discuss what they expected to concentrate on this year. There was a general consensus on the chief problem. Ms. Davis noted, "The greatest concentration will be the dump until we're over that ordeal." Mr. York said, "We need to get the dump problem over, then concentrate on procurement of a stump dump. We really never have had one and we have to." Mr. Bean also agreed the dump was the main problem facing the group.

Other subjects also came up for consideration. Automation of tax bills on a computer would be considered. The town did not contemplate purchasing a computer, but would consider contracting for the service.

Ken Koskela, the new road commissioner, was also present and discussed bids submitted for the one ton truck the townspeople voted to purchase. The selectmen also asked him to begin an analysis of the highways to develop a long term plan for allocation of funds for their repair. The town had voted an additional \$50,000 for roads and careful plans have to be made to utilize these and other funds. The selectmen and Mr. Koskela plan to meet as a group and analyze long term goals. Mr.

Operating and per pupil costs in selected school districts

SCHOOL DISTRICT	OPERATING COST	NUMBER OF PUPILS	PER PUPIL COST
SAD 44	\$2,177,000	1,064	\$2,045
Ellsworth	\$1,668,765	1,029	\$1,621
Falmouth	\$2,760,301	1,141	\$2,418
Freeport	\$2,346,277	1,005	\$2,333
Jay	\$2,427,056	1,134	\$2,140
Madawaska	\$2,676,587	1,106	\$2,420
Old Orchard Beach	\$2,508,383	1,156	\$2,169
Winthrop	\$2,238,508	1,090	\$2,053
SAD 4 (Cambridge)	\$1,836,797	1,075	\$1,707
SAD 20 (Fort Fairfield)	\$1,986,208	973	\$2,041
SAD 24 (Hamlin)	\$2,289,133	1,043	\$2,194
SAD 36 (Livermore Falls)	\$2,175,132	1,169	\$1,859
SAD 37 (Millbridge)	\$1,648,900	1,006	\$1,638
SAD 41 (Brownville)	\$1,896,759	1,063	\$1,784
SAD 50 (St. George)	\$2,389,970	1,054	\$2,266

SAD 44	\$2,177,000	1,064	\$2,045
Rumford	\$3,412,324	1,193	\$2,859
SAD 17 (Oxford Hills)	\$6,197,512	3,512	\$1,764
SAD 21 (Dixfield)	\$1,654,299	833	\$1,985
SAD 39 (Buckfield)	\$1,040,462	521	\$1,997
SAD 43 (Mexico)	\$1,838,966	769	\$2,389

Note: Figures are from the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for 1983/84, the latest period available.



CHILDREN AT THE ETHEL BISBEE SCHOOL have been busy collecting and counting Campbell soup labels. Over 10,000 labels were collected. The children will get a tape recorder and headphones from Campbell's Labels for Education program. Working on the labels are (left to right): Matthew Laughton, Warren Thurston, Lisa Haines, Kelly Mathias, Theresa Gibson, and Scott Mason.

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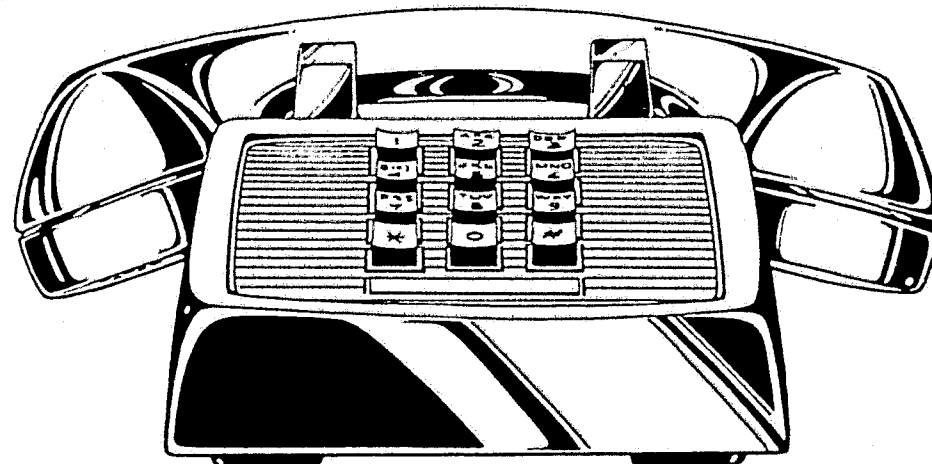
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Gould foreign exchange interests many students

For many years, students at Gould Academy have had the opportunity to participate in a program that the school carries on with parents and schools in three foreign countries. The opportunity to spend three or more months in West Germany, France, or Spain, living with a local family and attending school is of considerable interest to many of Gould's 210 students. The other side of the exchange places two to four foreign students from these same countries at Gould for the entire academic year. They live in the Academy dormitories, attending classes and participating in all of Gould's extra curricular programs. In addition they spend vacations with their American friends and thus see much more of this country.

This year three foreign students are in residence at Gould: Emmanuel Boos, a sophomore from Bourges, France; Barbara Ritter, a junior from Altensteig, West Germany; and Celia Martinez, a senior from Madrid, Spain. All three were quick to grasp the English language as English is taught in all European schools. Two of these students are on Gould's honor roll, which testifies to their ability in comprehending. Emmanuel felt that in the beginning he had difficulty understanding English and had to spend extra time in the library and during study hall just catching up. Now that he's used to the terminology it's much better.

All three students have joined in the extra curricular program. Emmanuel

played soccer this fall and along with Celia was a participant in the recreational ski program this winter. During the fall term Celia participated in Gould's drama program. Barbara was on the "B" alpine racing team this winter and played field hockey in the fall.

All three students also agree that school in Europe is harder than at Gould but it is a wonderful experience to be here. Barbara says that it has improved her expertise with the English language and that she has learned so much about the American culture and how Americans live, work and play. "The opportunity to visit different parts of this country is invaluable," she states.

Emmanuel likes the "closeness" which exists between all Gould students. "Everybody knows everyone else," he said. His school in Paris was much larger than Gould. Celia also feels that the chance to learn about this country and its people is a once in a lifetime opportunity and she is really glad she came.

This year a total of six Gould students have spent time in Europe, and their reactions are equally as enthusiastic as Emmanuel's, Celia's, and Barbara's. The overall coordinator of Gould's Foreign Exchange program is Language Depart-

USM dean's list

The following area students have been named to the University of Southern Maine dean's list for the 1984 fall semester: Caroline Fiske, of Bethel, Susan Parker, of Bethel, Cheryl Broberg, of West Paris, and Rebecca Inman, of West Paris.

Senior citizen menus

Monday, March 18: Macaroni and cheese, hot dog, beets, orange wedges, bread.

Tuesday, March 19: Veal pattie with gravy, baked potato, carrots, fruit cocktail cake, bread.

Thursday, March 21: Chicken stew with vegetables, cheese wedge, fresh fruit, biscuits.

ment Chairman Mrs. Tineke Ouwinga, who herself emigrated to Canada and the U.S. as a teenager. She keeps in constant contact with the host families in Europe, Gould's students who are overseas, and acts as the faculty advisor for the foreign students here at Gould.

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East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

The elderly people are having trouble with their mail boxes being torn down by the state truck drivers going a mile a minute and leaving them. How do they think we are going to get our mail? One elderly lady has had hers knocked over and the post split in two. We are going to see if Sen. Twitche'll will stop this. However, they don't get the pleasure of knocking mine over, as I take it in winters. But they better be careful when I put it out.

Eight from here attended the Friendly Senior Citizens at No. Waterford Wednesday at noon. The tables had appropriate decorations for St. Patrick's Day. We had a nice speaker, with questions asked and answered. A nice afternoon of sociability was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Nora Barker is working at Cornwalls in Paris.

I received a nice box of assorted fruit from the Nelsons, who are in Florida. It was so much tastier than what you get here.

Town Meeting brought out a large crowd Saturday. The Firemen's Auxiliary furnished sandwiches and drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grant went to Norway and Oxford Saturday. They visited her nephew, Raymond Files and family while there.

Herbert Adams, of Portland, visited the Albert Nelsons over the weekend. He attended town meeting while here. He is a journalist and writer for the Portland Telegram.

Peter Fox has gone back to work, after having a week of vacation. He and his family enjoyed several snowmobile trips.

Downie Stearns, of Portland, called on his mother one day last week. He had been to Bethel on a business trip. Mrs. Minerva Dudley visited her daughter Marilyn and granddaughter at Naples over the weekend.

The Past Chiefs Club met at the home of Mrs. Hildred Stafford at Norway Tuesday for their meeting and dinner. Much sympathy is extended to Bob

No. East Lovell

By PAULINE SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Balaskas and friends were at their home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Christopher and Pauline Smith attended the town meeting Saturday and had dinner at the Church Vestry. Quite a good crowd out.

Michael and Craig Fox came to see their grandmother this week.

Susan Gregson and Diann called at Pauline Smith's this week, also Nat Smith.

Robert Johnston sawed wood for Roy Smith, Thursday.

Norma Johnston and children were recent callers at Pauline Smith's.

Callers at Iva Fox's Sunday were Cindy Fox and family, Linda and Scott Allen, Michael and Craig Fox.

Ten above zero, now on Tuesday 12 inches of snow, our first big storm of the season.

Martin and family in the loss of his mother, who passed away at Bridgton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nelson and daughter Christa, of Winslow, visited his mother over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lagieux and two children, of Norway, visited Mrs. Vesta Nelson Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nancy Barker visited with her sister, Mrs. Jeannie Nelson, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Helen Grover, one of our elderly ladies, was able to go to town meeting and stay all day Saturday. We all take our hats off to her.

Mrs. Vesta Nelson attended the funeral of Mrs. Martin at Harrison Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Grover had their four children and families, also his mother, for dinner Sunday. The occasion was in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

This Week at the Moses Mason House

A wide variety of jugs, jars and crockery were on display at the annual collectors' night during the monthly meeting of the Bethel Historical Society held Thursday evening. Following this portion of the program a slide tape presentation was featured, also on the subject of crocks, jugs and jars.

During the business portion of the meeting, president Alden Kennett thanked everyone who had made the 1985 Heritage Day such a success. He also announced that the next meeting will be held on April 4 and will feature a program on Chapman Street's history. Anyone having memories, photographs or artifacts relating to the street from the past was urged to call Don and Arlene Brown at 824-2149 or the Society office at 824-2908. The president announced that the "artifact of the month" was a book once owned by Agnes Straw Mason, wife of Dr. Moses Mason, printed in 1812, the gift of John and Susan Wight of Bethel. He also brought to the attention of members that a special feature of the witchcraft trials of Salem, Mass., will be aired on public television later in the spring and that the re-created First Regiment of Maine Volunteers (cavalry) will make an appearance in Yarmouth during the summer of 1985. Society Director Stanley Howe described the recent workshop that Curator Randall Bennett and Registrar Jane Hosterman had attended at the Maine State Archives in Augusta relating to the care and conservation of historical photographs. He also invited members to visit the archives to witness some of the progress made in re-organizing the archival collections since Randall Bennett had joined the staff in January. Following the program Special Projects chairman Persis Post provided her usual interesting description of the evening's refreshments reflecting a St. Patrick's Day theme but also featuring "election cake" which one could only treat themselves to if they had voted a straight ticket in the last election. A social hour followed the refreshments.

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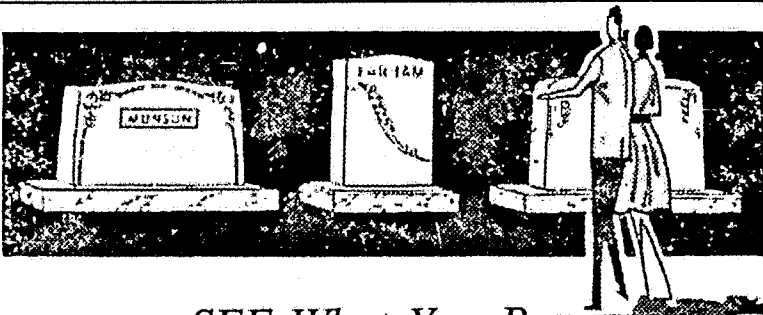
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The car seat loan program is meant for infants only and loans will not exceed nine months. A \$15 deposit is required at the time of loan. A \$5 refund will be made if the car seat is returned in clean and good condition within nine months; a \$10 refund will be given if returned in clean and good condition within six months.

The car seat loan program is offered to families within the Health Center's service area which includes Bethel, Gilead, Hanover, Woodstock, Greenwood, Albany, Andover and Newry as well as regular patients of the center who may reside outside the service area. Applicants do not have to be patients of the health center.

Personnel at the health center have been trained to demonstrate the proper use of the car seat. If you are interested in participating in the program, please call the center to make an appointment. A nurse will demonstrate the proper use of the car seat and give you written instructions along with the car seat. You will be required to make a \$15 deposit and sign a rental agreement and liability release form.

HEAD START TEACHERS SPEAK AT UMW MEETING

The United Methodist Women held their March 7 meeting in the dining room at the church with 16 members present. The programs and hostess lists for the coming year were announced.

Donna Richards and Tracy Poland, teachers from the West Bethel Head Start and Day Care Center explained their daily schedule and program. They work with children from age 2½ to 6 years. There are presently 32 children enrolled.

The second part of the program Virginia Keniston, Bethel librarian, gave a brief summary of eight books she brought. These were an excellent cross section of books to choose from at the library.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Reta Dunn and Verena Dyke.

T.T.A.E.R.S.

Tri-Town auxiliary hopes to see a good crowd Saturday night to listen and dance to the music of Lee Moore and the Country Ridge Riders. Dancing is from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Locke Mills Legion Hall March 16.

Tri-Town was delighted to pass its ambulance inspection. Done yearly by the state Emergency Medical Services, every ambulance in the state is checked for the equipment and supplies on board.

Anyone interested in driving the ambulance in either emergencies or for routine calls should contact Chief Mary Emery, 674-2866. This new category of membership might be just the place for you to get involved.

Search and Rescue members are planning to join in a state search and rescue training exercise March 23 in Brewer. Any people interested in the activities of this exercise are more than welcome to register for the day's events. Contact Dorene Benson for more information, 674-2346.

SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK — Treatment for bleeding is usually best con-

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE

Oxford Pomona met with Paris Grange Tuesday evening for CWA night. The chairs were held by the following: Master, Hazel Conant; Overseer, Myrtle Bisbee; Lecturer, Kitie Davis; Steward, Marjorie Greenwood; Assistant Steward, Connie Tripp; Lady Assistant Steward, Margery Coleman; Chaplain, Anna Henderson; Treasurer, Helen Sorenson; Secretary, Gail Butterfield; Gatekeeper, Josephine Tripp; Ceres, Frances Allen; Pomona, Ruby Whitney; Flora, Arlene Harris; Ex.Com. Florence Gustafson; Marguerite Marcotte, Evelyn Jackson; CWA, Alma Abbott, Lettie Brooks, Elsie Harris; Pianist, Ernestine Keys.

Agriculture Committee sent a letter urging members to send \$1 donation to help the western farmers.

A resolution was read concerning having a kitchen hold of canned goods and non-perishable materials for members burned out of their homes. This was held over for a future date.

The April 16 Shop and Save supper will be held at Oxford Grange at 6 o'clock.

New gowns for lady officers were discussed. Gail Butterfield, Josephine Tripp and Frances Allen are the ones on the committee to find out about the material.

The program was as follows: 1-Song—CWA, sung by Sister Wiley; 2-Lecturer read an article on water pollution. She spoke on the state library catalog, containing books that can be borrowed.

The raffle was announced, won by Bonnie Lewis. Myrtle Bisbee won the Afghan raffle. Lettie and Carl Brooks put on a cute skit. Hazel Conant, state chairwoman of the CWA, spoke on their work.

Reading: "Faith" by Lill Swallow. Song, "Whispering Hope Mystery March. "Nearer My God" was sung.

There were 42 Oxford Pomona members and eight visitors, making a total of 50. The next meeting will be at Bolster's Mills, at Crooked River Grange, April 2.

Rumford Hospital forms PMS Support Group

Following Rumford Community Hospital's recent Health Information Forum on Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS), several area women have expressed an interest in forming a self-help group for PMS sufferers.

Due to this interest, an organizational meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. in the RCH Conference Room. Jackie Farrar, who attends ProMise, a PMS support group in Auburn, has agreed to act as group coordinator. At this meeting discussion will be held regarding dates, time, and format for future meetings.

All those interested in forming a PMS support group for the greater Rumford area are invited to attend.

Retired Teachers to meet in Bethel March 16

The Oxford County Retired Teachers will meet on Saturday, March 16, at the Bethel Congregational Church. The social hour is at 10:30, the business meeting at 11:15.

trolled with direct pressure. A simple applying of pressure to the cut with a clean cloth or bandage and raising the limb, if it is an arm or leg, will stop most bleeding. The pressure is best kept in place for five minutes or more to be effective.

Telstar drama students to present the play 'Wings'

The Telstar High School drama department has been very busy since January preparing to perform the one-act play "Wings" by Linda J. Barnes.

The drama students will first perform the play this weekend, March 15 and 16, in the regional one-act play festival hosted by Cape Elizabeth High School. Then, on Saturday, March 23, the troupe will present the play at Telstar, with performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$1 for adults, \$0.50 for students and senior citizens.

The play considers the conflict of dreams and reality in a light, modern way. Through a series of vignettes, the audience sees the familiar faces of people and institutions seeking to blot out the beautiful dreams common to all.

Co-directors of "Wings" are Dennis and Gemma Morrill-Dreher. Students involved in this production are: Danny Bennett of Albany; Jake Schachter, Deb Bodwell of Andover; Donald Barker, Jim Gorman, Mike McGuire, Keith Clanton of Bethel; Eric Hoyt of Bryant Pond; Scott Dyer of East Bethel; Kevin Powell of Hanover; Lisa Jordan of Locke Mills; Brent Bachelder, Marsha Moxcey of Newry, and Linda Lowe and Joe Stowell of Woodstock.

Fuel assistance available for qualifying families

The recent cold snap has made everyone realize that winter is here and will be for at least two more months. The level of oil in home tanks and the tiers of wood in the wood shed are going down quickly. But bills are not.

The expense for heat is felt by all, but especially by those less fortunate.

But help is available through Oxford County Community Services and the Home Energy Assistance Program.

More than 2,300 families in Oxford County have received fuel assistance since Nov. 1. It is anticipated that more than 2,600 will have been helped by the conclusion of the 1984-85 program.

If you are a four-member family, with annual income of less than \$12,750, you qualify for fuel assistance. If you are a four-member family with a child under two, and has family income of less than \$15,300, you qualify. Less stringent guidelines apply to the elderly.

You can apply for assistance at the following locations: In Andover, Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.; at the town office; Bethel, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-1:30 p.m.; at the town office; Stoneham, Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.; in the selectmen's office; Upton, the third Friday of the month, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; in the library; West Paris, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at the Bethel Savings Bank branch.

Eleanor Gordon Guild to meet March 19

The Eleanor Gordon Guild will meet Tuesday night, March 19, at the parsonage, with Sally Downing as hostess. Betty Perkins will have devotions and Jeannette St. Pierre, the program.

Members are urged to attend the meeting as plans will be discussed for the mother-daughter banquet.

A.D. Davis selling Bethel operation to W.J. Wheeler

A.D. Davis & Son, Inc., has announced that it is selling the Bethel agency to W.J. Wheeler Co., Inc., of South Paris. The Bethel office is to be staffed by Curtis Cole, a life long resident of Bethel, and Mrs. Terri Judson, who has been working in the Bethel office.

LENTEN MEDITATION

On St. John 3:14-21

There are probably few if any verses of the Gospels that are as readily recognized, nor can be any more accurately recited than verse 3:16 from the Gospel of St. John; "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Yet, perhaps when many of us read or hear this verse, we fail to meditate sufficiently to grasp the true importance of its few simple yet meaningful words.

If we would look at the first two verses of this scripture, we would realize that this Son did not come like the good fairy to reach out with His magic wand and touch the sinners of the world and give them this gift of eternal life, nor did He come as a king with a mighty army to destroy those that opposed Him. But rather He came as a mere child in the flesh of man, to not only suffer the humiliation and rejection of man, but to suffer the agony of the cross as well. Death at the hands of the Roman soldiers; suffering in the pits of Hell, until on that third day when He rose victorious over death.

Verses 19-21 speak out of the Light—and the reaction of the people toward it. The light was true knowledge and Christ bore that knowledge. He was a light in the dark world of sin. A nation of people that held rigorously to symbolic celebrations of their religion but tempered their ways to their own pleasures. To come to the light, "Christ's Way" would mean casting off many of their pleasures and profits. But to those that would come unto Him, their pathways would be lighted by Him and would lead them to that glorious promise—"Life Eternal."

Rodney H. Hanscom, Pastor
Newry Community Church

BETHEL ROTARY NEWS

The Bethel Rotary Club met at the Sudbury Inn for a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 12. Numerous items of club business of member interest were discussed at this meeting.

Romeo Baker's Rotary information topic was a reading from "Reader's Digest" about current news blunders. It was a departure from the meat and potato information and was well enjoyed by everyone.

Visiting Rotarians and guests joining with the club were Dewaine Craig, guest of Roger Conant, Al Geronde, Rumford, Ira Pitcher, Lewiston/Auburn, and Darrel Bernier, Lennie Shaw's guest.

The program chairman was Dave Preble. His program consisted of a talk about the business of pharmacy, and a visit to Prim's Pharmacy. Dave studied of pharmacy is a broad and specialized one. He also talked about the development of drugs and restrictions which apply. The cost of research and development, which accounts for the high cost of many of these drugs. Dave then gave a tour of the pharmacy and an explanation of record-keeping, inventory control procedures, etc. We really enjoyed it, Dave.

John MacMunn announced the meeting of the Railroad Museum planning group which was held at the Bethel Inn Tuesday night. John is also our program chairman for the March 19 meeting of Rotary.

CHURCH NEWS

Bethel United Methodist Church
Rev. Guy R. Downing, Pastor
Tel. 824-2010
Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard Stevens
Christian Education Chairperson,
Sally Downing

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
UMW - first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Ronald Stevens.

West Parish Congregational
United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Brendon Bass
Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors
Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

Sunday:
Church School, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Nursery care provided
Wednesday:
Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-8) 5:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship 4th Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Pilgrim Fellowship (Grades 9-12) 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Clothing Depot: Call 824-2653 or 824-2193 for assistance.

Bethel Gospel Center
of Christian & Missionary Alliance
D.N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. (3 year olds through adults)
Babysitting for all children under 5 years during Church.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Monday:
Men's Bible Studies, 7 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (for location call 824-2859, Babysitting)
Wednesday:
Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. Gwendolyn Johnson
Interim Pastor
Tel. 657-4127

Sunday:
Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
Youth Meeting, 7 p.m.
For transportation or information to any service call 824-2872.

Unitarian-Universalist
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Christian Science Services
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Sunday, March 17: Subject, Substance. Golden Text, Psalm 52:1... the goodness of God endureth continually

First Church of Christ, Scientist
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Christian Science Society, Norway
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday:
Services and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing

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Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30 Antiphonal Mass

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Rev. Donald Proulx
Antiphonal Mass, Sat. 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham
Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
North Waterford
Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

West Bethel Union Church

Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
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Home 583-4688

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Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
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Locke Mills Union Church
Rev. Michael Caldwell
Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday:
7:30 a.m. Adult Education Class
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday:
6:15 p.m. Choir
6:30 p.m. TOPS
Second Wednesdays, Trustees 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies' Circle 1:30 p.m.

Thursday:
7-8 p.m. Youth Group
7-8 p.m. Education Class

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
836-2828
B.R. Griffith, Pastor

Linda Stowell, Pianist and Choir Director
Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5.

Wednesday:
Choir practice, 6 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday:
Ladies Bible Study in afternoon. Babysitting available.

Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2949.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanscom, Pastor
Nancy Hanscom, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday:
7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday:
2:30-4 p.m. Sparks (K thru Gr.2)
6-8 p.m. Chums, Pals, Guards, Pioneers (Gr.3 through 6)
6-8 p.m. News Junior Varsity Program (Gr.7 & 8)

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. E. Marriette Churchill
Phone: Church 392-4678
Parsonage 392-3081
Organist and Choir Director,
Linda Burnham
Sunday School Superintendent,
Paula P. Smith

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Church School
Ladies Aid—Every other Monday at noon C.E.B.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5 Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Carol Stuart, Choir Director

Marjorie Stinson
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer and Praise, 7:30 at the church
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Pastor Bob Colby
At Faith Bible Church, Route 232 Rumford
Corner:
Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Youth Group
7 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday:
7 p.m. Evening Service
At 524 Prospect Ave., Rumford
Mon.-Fri.
Prayer and Devotional 8 a.m.
Thursday:
At Bethel at Eleanor Brooks' home,
Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Bolster's Mills
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
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David W. Helms, Pastor
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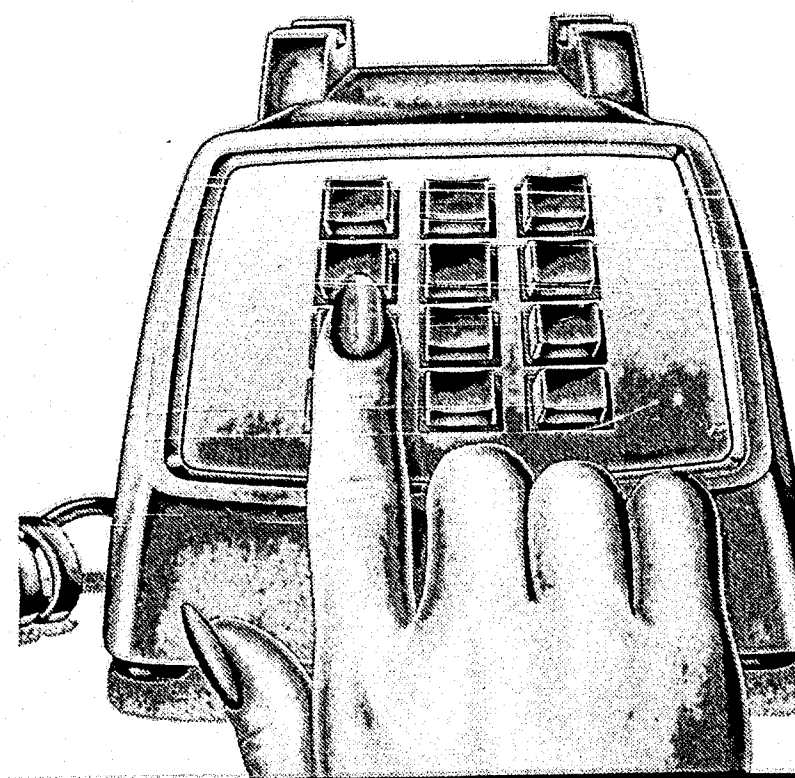
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Sunday, March 17: Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club will host children to rides and potluck dinner, 11 a.m., Wight's Pole Barn.

Monday, March 18: Selectmen's meeting, Bethel town office, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19: Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Thursday, March 21: Bethel Lodge 97 AF&AM.

Friday, March 22: M.S. Support Group, Stephens Memorial Hospital, 7 p.m.; Mt. Abram Lodge 31, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30: Oxford County Conference III: Abuse and Neglect within the Family, Telstar Regional High School, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Historical Society Film Series Continues

Next in the Bethel Historical Society's "Adams' Chronicles" film series will be "John Quincy Adams: Secretary of State (1817-1825)" which will be shown on March 20 in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House beginning at 7:30 p.m. Funded with a grant from the Maine Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the series is open to anyone interested and free of charge. A short discussion led by a scholar in the humanities will follow each film.

During this film three generations of the Adams family gather to celebrate the homecoming of John Quincy and wife Louisa. John Quincy is appointed Secretary of State in the administration of President James Monroe. Andrew Jackson and his campaign against the Spaniards in Florida is the focus when the scene changes to a cabinet meeting in Washington.

Adams concentrates on extending the borders of the United States from coast to coast. Later he turns his attention to foreign policy and proposes a course in international relations which later is known as the Monroe Doctrine.

In 1824, Adams, Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay and William Crawford are the chief candidates for the Presidency. Although Jackson receives the most electoral votes, no candidate wins by a majority. The election is thrown into the House of Representatives and with Clay's support, John Quincy Adams becomes President of the United States.

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone wishing to see this award-winning series.

Evans Notch District

Applications are now available for two positions in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program on the Evans Notch District on the White Mountain National Forest. The program will begin June 27 and run for eight weeks. Enrollees will earn minimum wage and work 40 hours a week.

Historically, competition has been keen for the limited positions. Projects such as timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat improvement and trail maintenance will be undertaken. Applicants must be 15 to 18 years old and must provide their own transportation to the district office in Bethel.

Applications must be submitted by April 19. Selections will be made by random drawing. For further information, contact Mary Paine or Wayne Millen.

The deadline for comments on the Draft Forest Plan has passed. District Ranger Mark Boche would like to thank all those who attended listening sessions or provided comments.

Ranger Boche and family are being re-assigned this week, to headquarters in Washington, D.C. He will be involved with budget preparations.

MAINE CRIME DECREASED 3.5 PERCENT IN PAST YEAR

Crime in Maine decreased overall during 1984 at a rate of 3.5 percent compared to 1983.

"Preliminary Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics, compiled from index crimes reported to local, county and State law enforcement agencies during 1984 show a 0.2 percent increase in violent crime and a 3.7 percent decrease in property crime," said Col. Allan H. Weeks, chief of the Maine State Police.

Offenses comprising the crime index include: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. There were 41,142 (compared to 42,647 for 1983) index offenses reported to the State UCR Unit, representing a crime rate of 36.31 offenses per 1,000 people within Maine. State, county and local police cleared, mostly by arrest, 10,893 offenses for a clearance rate of 26.5 percent for 1984, compared to a 27.6 percent clearance rate for 1983.

In the area of violent crime, murder decreased with 20 reported offenses in 1984, compared to 24 in 1983. Forcible rape decreased by 19.7 percent with 155 offenses in 1984, compared with 193 in 1983. Robbery decreased 1.9 percent (from 311 to 305), and aggravated assault increased 3.9 percent (from 1,301 to 1,352).

The crime rate for violent crime within the State for 1984 is 1.62 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crime accounts for 4.5 percent of the total index crimes reported.

ACCIDENTAL FIRES IN MAINE KILLED 31 PEOPLE IN 1984

Thirty-one people were reported killed in accidental fire deaths last year in Maine.

"Eight of those who died were over age 60 and nine were under age 16; eight of the 22 adult deaths were attributed to smoking," SAID State Fire Marshal Don Bisset of the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Bisset said 22 of the deceased were men and nine were women. Somerset and York counties had the most accidental fire deaths with five each, and Waldo, Oxford, Knox and Aroostook counties had no accidental fire deaths during 1984.

"Fewer people died in fire deaths from 1980 through 1984 than from 1975 through 1979 for an average of 31 people instead of 45 people a year being reported killed by fire in Maine," Bisset said.

The state fire marshal said the reasons for the decrease reflects "the increased use of smoke detectors—especially those homes with woodburning appliances, the assistance of the news and public service media making the public



ANDOVER YOUNGSTERS Nathan Emery (left) and Dean Irish enjoy getting acquainted with Eagle, Leon Akers' dog. The boys practice cross-country skiing at Akers Ski.

60 show up for volleyball

The SAD 44 Adult and Community Education program's Adult Co-ed Volleyball League held its registration night last Wednesday, March 6, at Telstar Regional High School, with 60 people joining teams for the spring season.

Regular season play will begin March 13.

Donnie Katlin is the volunteer coordinator for the league, with Rhonda Buker, Ernie Waterhouse, Tom Barton, Rob Gunderson, Robert Buker, Dale Bucky, and Danny Wheeler serving as team coordinators.

The following people have been assigned to teams: Rhonda Buker's team: Dale Stevens, Lauretta Varo, Sonny Hastings, Julie Hastings, Mike and Thea Dunn, Nancy and Carl Hansen, and Robert Lowell.

Ernie Waterhouse's team: Ray Buker, Marie Cole, Dave Brown, Liz Mikenas, Irving York, Barbara Gross, Frannie and Dick Tyler.

Tom Barton's team: Debbie Barton, Alan Fleet, Chris and Terry Merrill, Deb Wheeler, Peter Barlow and Debbie Wright.

Rob Gunderson's team: Donnie Katlin, Nancy Annis, Jeff and Elaine Smith, Burnie Rice, Barry Bodwell, Gene Kelly.

Robert Buker's team: Larry Prech, Scott Berry, Florence Merrill, Bonnie Gammon, Barbara Hart, Alvin Stevens, Brenda Bonney.

Dale Bucky's team: Chet Herrick, Clyde Crockett, Stan Cordwell, Bruce Morey, Dee Patterson, Robin Hebert, Rita Sweetser.

Danny Wheeler's team: Scott and Sandy Dennis, John Caron, Rick and Ellen Whitney, Cheryl Elliot and Frank Lowell.

Anyone who wishes to join a team should phone the Adult and Community Education office, 824-2780. The season will last for eight weeks, concluding with playoffs. Spectators are welcome at the volleyball games, which begin each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Telstar gym.

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KNITTERS CLINIC AT TELSTAR

The SAD 44 Adult and Community Education program will sponsor a Knitters Clinic on Thursday, March 21 at Telstar High School. This one evening session will be taught by Beverly Melville of Locke Mills and Carmen Bartlett of Norway and has been planned to allow those who are experiencing problems with knitting to bring their projects to the class for individual help. Adult and Community Education Director Cathy Newell remarked that the clinic will give hope to those who have become discouraged with a winter knitting project. Instructors Melville and Bartlett will also share tips to assist knitters with achieving a professional look to their projects. The clinic will be held from 7-9 p.m. Re-registration is required so that sufficient interest may allow the class to be held. Call the SAD 44 Adult and Community Education office, 824-2780.

Historical Society Exceeds Endowment Goal

Howard W. Cole, chairman of the 1984 Endowment Campaign of the Bethel Historical Society announced that the goal of \$7,000 has been exceeded. This all-time record in dollars raised was also matched by a record-shattering 318 donors.

"I am of course delighted that we made our goals two years in a row," said Cole who is retired and a life-member of the Bethel Historical Society. "I am also grateful to everyone who made this possible," he added.

Cole was assisted in this fund-raising effort by committee members John B. Head, E. Louise Lincoln, Barbara D. Brown, and Alden T. Kennett, all of Bethel.

The Bethel Historical Society, incorporated in 1971, is Oxford County's only full-time historical society and operates the Dr. Moses Mason House which includes a period house museum and research facilities with a wide variety of books, maps, photographs and manuscripts relating to the history of Western Maine and the White Mountains. With over 600 members from the Bethel area and throughout the United States and Canada, the Society also has an ambitious publications program which includes a quarterly newsletter, The Bethel Courier.

Interest from this endowment will assist the Society in meeting future needs of staff and expanded facilities. Anyone wishing further information should call the Society at 824-2908 or write P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217.

SLIDE LECTURE ON EL SALVADOR AT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN NORWAY

Jim Harney, a former Catholic priest and photojournalist who has traveled extensively throughout El Salvador over the last five years, interviewing Salvadorans from all walks of life and of all political persuasions, will present a slide lecture tomorrow evening (Thursday), 7 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Norway.

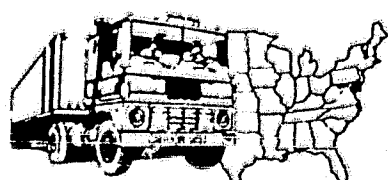
The program will consist primarily of slides from Mr. Harney's most recent study tour of El Salvador in the summer of 1984.

The evening is being sponsored by Western Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned and the Maine Coalition for Peace and Justice in Central America. The public is invited to attend, and child care will be provided. There will be a lengthy question and answer period.

CALVARY CHURCH CONCERT

A concert by Billy Speer is coming to Calvary Congregational Church in South Andover March 17, with performances at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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RICHARD M. WING

Richard M. Wing of 31 Chapman Street, Bethel, formerly of the Augusta area, died Tuesday, March 12, 1985 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston.

Born in Gardner October 26, 1922 he was the son of Leroy M. and Mary Temple Wing. He had been employed by the Maine Department of Transportation in the planning and design division for many years. Following his retirement in 1980, he moved to Bethel. Mr. Wing was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lodge AF & AM, Augusta; the Salvation Army, Berlin, N.H.; and the Maine State Employees Association retirees chapter. He served as an army sergeant during World War II and was a member of the 8th Air Force 55th fighter group alumni association.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Dennis Wing of Bethel; his father, Leroy of Augusta; a daughter, Denise Brown of Kezar Falls; one sister, Shirley Aksyn of Murraysville, Penn.; two grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are being held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Eastern Avenue, Augusta. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Maine Lung Association, 128 Sewell St., Augusta, Maine 04330.

VERNAL M. CHANDLER

Vernal M. Chandler of West Sumner died Monday morning, March 11, 1985 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. He had been in failing health for several months.

He was born at Sumner, Jan. 15, 1909, the son of Fred and Effie Ford Chandler. He received his education in Sumner schools. He was married to Ruth Parks in 1941 and lived most of his life in West Sumner. Mr. Chandler was employed as a truck driver for many years by the Penley Corporation of West Paris until he retired in 1971. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his wife of West Sumner; a sister, Mrs. Alfred (Una) Morrill of West Sumner; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon from the Andrews funeral home, South Woodstock.

Opera House condo open

The Bethel Opera House opened its doors for business last month. The \$400,000 project, owned by Ron Fitch, was delayed in opening due to missed deadlines with interior finishing work.

The converted store and restaurant has 10 units, plus an apartment for the on-site manager. Work began on the conversion last September, after a long wrangle with the Planning Board.

Owner Fitch says the late opening of the facility caused him to lose a lot of business from skiers, but he is optimistic that the place will fill up during the summer. The Bethel Opera House units are privately purchased and then rented out by the management when the owners are not in residence. Managers of the facility are Roxanne and Al Carson.

W. Bethel Union Church

The Women's World Day of Prayer service held at Our Lady of the Snows Church on Route 26, Bethel, was well attended. Several members of the Ladies Chapel Aid Society represented the West Bethel Union Church.

Chapel Aid will meet on March 13 (today), at 7:30 p.m. Call for location. Thanks to all who assisted with the pouring of cement for the kitchen floor. The annual church meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. Annual reports will be due April 3.

DIED

In Norway, March 11, Vernal M. Chandler of West Sumner, aged 76 years.

In Lewiston, March 12, Richard M. Wing of Bethel, aged 62 years.

Greenwood officials looking for road crew

Road Commissioner Raymond Seames was at the Greenwood Board of Selectmen meeting Tuesday night and told the board he has a man in mind for the equipment operator position. But, he said, "There will be advertising for (the job) if a current applicant does not accept the position."

Selectman Herb Dunham responded, "If you do not hire this particular applicant, then you should advertise so you can give everyone a chance."

In other matters, the selectmen said they did not have any interest in the Twitchell Pond dam, which is currently up for sale.

They noted that insofar as the dump problems are concerned, there is no date set for a meeting of the Woodstock and Greenwood officials.

The selectmen said they have not gotten any inquiries yet concerning leasing the Locke Mills School, which town meeting voters decided should be made available for lease.

It was agreed that the Recreation Committee volunteers will be Shirley Seames, Gary Fuller, Brian Dunham and Cheryl Redman. If Mrs. Redman declines, the alternate is Janine Buck.



Katherine Everett and Nathan Wight

Everett - Wight engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Everett, of Hanover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Leigh, to Nathan Brant Wight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric T. Wight, of Rumford Corner. Miss Everett is a 1981 graduate of Rumford High School and is attending the University of Maine at Farmington. Mr. Wight is a 1982 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and is also attending UMF.

The wedding date has not yet been set.

**SAD 44—WEEK OF MARCH 18**

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, peas, applesauce, roll and butter, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog in homemade bun, french fries, cucumber sticks, jello, cheese biscuit and butter, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Macaroni and cheese, cold cuts, green beans, peaches, juice, bread and butter, milk.

THURSDAY: Italian sandwich, potato chips, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: No school—teachers' workshop.

West Bethel Children's Center

Menu for the week of March 18-22: Breakfast—Wheat Chex, oranges, milk; Lunch—tomato macaroni soup, grilled cheese sandwich, banana. Tuesday: Breakfast—apple juice, French toast; Lunch—corned beef with cabbage, boiled potato, carrots, pineapple. Wednesday: Breakfast—raisin bread, cantaloupe; Lunch—chicken rice soup, egg salad sandwich, peaches. Thursday: Breakfast—oatmeal, apples; Lunch—Chinese chop suey with vegetables, chow mein noodles, oranges. Friday: Breakfast—grape juice, egg over easy, home fries; Lunch—fish on bun, cauliflower, apple. All meals are served with milk.

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THE CITIZEN TO PUBLISH SUMMER SPECIAL SECTION

The Bethel Citizen formalized plans this week for publication of a summer special section to promote the Bethel area as a summer tourism destination.

The summer special section will be similar in format to the winter special section, which touted skiing in the area. It will be a tabloid section of about 20 pages, with full color front and back covers and a color centerspread containing a useful map.

There will be articles on hiking, fishing, canoeing, sailing, antiquing, and rockhounding, as well as features on local people.

The Citizen will print 25,000 of the colorful tabloids in mid-April, for distribution in the metropolitan areas of Boston, Portsmouth, and Portland.

In cooperation with the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, they will be made available free of charge to chamber members for distribution to out-of-town visitors.

For information regarding ad rates and deadlines, call The Citizen office, 207-824-2444.

Woodstock Historical Society

Thought for the week: "I am a first necessity; all else may be cheap, but I shall ever be in demand. My present owner's fortune may crumble, his title may vanish, his manhood deteriorate, but I shall survive and with proud prestige of fame, pass on from generation to generation, from one great land to another, bearing regardless of race or time my message unto all mankind."

At last week's meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society, Curator Larry Billings spoke on the subject of antique collecting. First, he defined some of the appeal of antiques. Then he explained the characteristics to look for in collecting such items as furniture, glass, bottles, jars, books, dolls, postcards, tins, signs, tools, jewelry and pictures. Finally, he read several poems of his own composition on collecting, some humorous and some serious.

The next meeting of the society will hopefully feature a distinguished outside speaker—Blaine Mills of the neighboring Greenwood Historical Society. The Woodstock Historical Society looks forward to exchanging ideas with Lockes Mills and has had speakers from there in the past, who have been enjoyed by the membership.

Crowds flock to Mt. Abram for annual family weekend

The parking lot at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes was filled Saturday night, even though there was no night skiing being offered.

What was being offered was a mass torchlight troop down the mountain by scores of snowplowing skiers holding aloft flare torches.

There were cheers and songs as the skiers slowly and brilliantly made their way down the night-encased mountain.

Earlier in the day there had been a costume parade on skis. Winners were Amy, Martha and Kim Whitten, 1st place; Rik Dow, 2nd place; Jessica Fogg, 3rd place.

In the Bernie Estes Memorial Race Saturday morning, Nate Mills of Bethel beat Steve Cross by three seconds. Reggie Sweatt was 3rd and Tim Hutchison 4th.

Among women, Kim Sargent was 1st, followed by Rosemary LaBarre and Sarah Rice.



HEADED SOUTH: Bob and Frank Lowell, of Western Maine Supply Co., help load a trailer with lumber for a chalet being built by Bethelite "Babe" Carver in St. Augustine, Fla.

Load of Bethel lumber heads for the sunny south

When Bethelite Harold (Babe) Carver decided to build a vacation home in St. Augustine, Fla., he wanted the best lumber he could find. So he decided to get it in his old hometown.

Western Maine Supply owners Bob and Frank Lowell, with assistant Jeff Smith, were busy last Thursday loading up a flatbed tractor trailer with everything Mr. Carver would need to erect his 26' by 32' chalet.

Included were 2x4's, 2x6's, 2x8's and

2x10 spruce framing, as well as plywoods and aspenite for sheathing, roof shingles, red cedar clapboard siding, pine trim, insulation, pine paneling for interior ceilings, interior doors, pressure-treated lumber for a deck—even nails.

The shipment was set up by Jim Gillies, of Gray, and handled by Yarmouth Lumber.

Western Maine Supply Co. president, Bob Lowell, said, "The biggest reason

why Babe purchased materials in Bethel was the quality, and he stressed the excellent quality of our Stratton Lumber and native spruce dimensional lumber."

He must like native lumber a whole lot, since he had to pay \$2,000 in shipping costs, above the cost of the materials.

The shipment left Maine Friday and was expected to reach St. Augustine Sunday. Mr. Carver's son Barry, of Bethel, was expecting to fly down earlier this week to help his dad for two weeks to frame up and close in the chalet. His father was expecting to have a cement slab poured by the time Barry got there.

Newly selectmen appoint town officials

The selectmen of Newry met Tuesday morning, March 12. Unpaid tax liens were discussed and it was voted to send letters to four persons whose property holds matured tax liens, some dating back several years, requesting payment of these liens. The amounts due, including costs and interest, have been figured up to May 1. Owners will be given until May 1 to settle the liens. If not paid at that time, collection process will be started. The property will be offered for sale by sealed bid.

In other action the selectmen discussed planned repairs to the municipal building for 1985. It was voted to get cost estimates on four new windows for the north side of the building, putting a cement floor in the basement and painting the exterior of the building.

The following appointments were made: chairman of selectmen, Stephen Wight; deputy tax collector, June Swan; deputy clerk, Lee Swan and Mary Tripp; health officer, Jack Dennis; town fire ward, Arthur Gauthier; town agent, Roger E. Hanscom; director civil emergency preparedness, Lee Swan; registrar of voters, June Swan; deputy registrar, Louise Tetley; election warden, Roger E. Hanscom; ballot clerks, Eleanor Morton, Nancy Dennis; deputy clerk, Nancy Wight; building inspector, code enforcement officer and plumbing inspector, John Gauthier; planning board, Eleanor Davis, Stanley Roberts (86), Stephen Yates, James Sysko (87), Stephanie Yates, David Fleet, Richard Clark (88), alternate, Gregory Fraser; board of appeals, Willard Wight (86), Gerald Harrington (87), Robert Moxey (88); recreation committee, Mike Cooper, Richard Clark, Ann Friedlander, Sylvia Harrington, Sylvia Wight; town historian, Paula M. Wight; Sunday River School House Committee, Julie Daye, Mary Tripp, Winnifred Scott; Cemetery Association committee, Romeo Baker, James Sysko, Francis Berry, Willard Wight, Julie Daye.

Former Shakers sought

The United Society of Shakers at Sabbathday Lake has begun a statewide search for people who have lived with or been employed by the Shakers at Sabbathday, Alfred, or other communities. The Shakers want to expand their knowledge of the personalities and daily events of past life in these communities through interviews with former inhabitants, employees, and those who attended Shaker schools as children.

The search is the first step in an oral history study to be conducted by Yankee Publishing intern Richard Henderson. "A lot can be learned by chatting with someone who remembers their schooteacher, or the daily round of activity in a Shaker shop or field," said Henderson.

Henderson encourages anyone with direct experience of a Shaker community to contact him at 926-4597, or c/o United Society of Shakers, Sabbathday Lake, Poland Spring, Me. 04274.

ington, Sylvia Wight; town historian, Paula M. Wight; Sunday River School House Committee, Julie Daye, Mary Tripp, Winnifred Scott; Cemetery Association committee, Romeo Baker, James Sysko, Francis Berry, Willard Wight, Julie Daye.

The selectmen will meet with the Planning Board March 19, at 7:30 at the town office. Les Otten will also meet with the board to apply for a permit for planned new construction at the Skway. New Planning Board members will be sworn in at this time. The selectmen will meet March 22, 9 a.m.

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